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Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the U.S.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 4, 1941, addressed to the President of the United States, has been referred to this Bureau by the White House for appropriate consideration.

Please be assured that your letter has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in our official files for such future reference as may be deemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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by letter 3-8-76
Per FOIA Request

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.
October 17, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

RE: THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

11:50 AM

SAC Johnson at Chicago called to advise that the October 14th issue of the Daily Journal, Wheaton, Illinois, stated a Henry Rodamaker (phonetic) is temporary Chairman of the America First Committee at Wheaton. The article further stated that Rodamaker is an attorney in Wheaton, it told how the FBI had been invited by the Committee to examine its books, and advised that the FBI gave the books a "clean bill of health".

Johnson further advised that Smuthers (phonetic), a feature writer for the Daily News had been in to see him and would probably come out with an article quoting him. He informed Smuthers that the Bureau conducted no examinations of any books and that it is contrary to Bureau policy to comment one way or another regarding an organization.

In answer to my question as to whether or not the America First Committee had given him the invitation to examine their books, he read a portion of a letter from them dated March 13th, which is as follows: "Of course, our membership files are always open to you and we would like to have you go through them, if possible, so that you might advise us of any exceptions to our rulings that have escaped our strict scrutiny." The letter goes on to set out the purposes of the America First Committee and further says, "from time to time we have occasion to have advice from you and we may have occasion regarding the status or standing of individuals we are unable to readily check. Would it be possible to have your help in such instances?" Mr. Johnson answered this letter by saying that due to the confidential nature of the files of the Bureau, he would be unable to be of any assistance in this connection.

Mr. Johnson stated it was entirely possible that from time to time agents might have contacted the America First Committee to check on specific individuals, but by no stretch of the imagination could this be construed as checking their books.

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Respectfully,

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D. M. Ladd

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DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
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October 13, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. KRAMER *OK*

Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE;
INTERNAL SECURITY

Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Foxworth _____
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Information has been received from an unknown outside source under date of September 22, 1941, at New York City, that the international affairs of the captioned organization are in considerable turmoil. In Chicago, Illinois, the Fight for Freedom Committee has set up an organization to fight the America First Committee. Colonel McCormick of the Chicago Tribune, Harry Jung of the American Vigilante Association, and Elizabeth Dilling are carrying the burden for America First, while on the other side Professor Albert Parry is fronting for the Fight for Freedom Committee. The America First Committee is endeavoring to smear the Fight for Freedom Committee as being Communist and this action has caused the America First group to make a thorough search for any sort of evidence to belittle Parry and his cohorts.

In the New York area the situation is even worse because Lindbergh and Senator Nye have opened an attack on the Jews. All the Jewish money that was forthcoming to the America First Committee has practically stopped and the suspicion is that about the only funds they are getting from some big source possibly come from Colonel Pew, the executive head of the Sun Oil Company.

John T. Flynn, the New York leader among the Catholics and America First, has it is understood, served an ultimatum on the New York Committee that if Lindbergh does not resign, he will relinquish his chairmanship of the New York chapter. Norman Thomas reportedly has given the National Committee two weeks for Lindbergh to resign or he will cease his speaking tour. Every Jewish group in New York City has received instructions to "crack down" on America First. According to the informant this is going to cause some repercussions that may do more harm to the Lindbergh group than anything up to the present time. *9/24/58 Guk*

It is further stated that Dorothy Dunbar Bromley, the noted
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liberal writer, has resigned from the America First Committee, and Kathryn Lewis and Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler are the motivating force behind the Committee at the present time. John T. Flynn reportedly flew to Chicago recently for a showdown with the National Committee but apparently the Committee has not changed its attitude with reference to Lindbergh.

On September 23, 1941, this same source reported that up until the present time the America First Committee has reportedly refused to divulge any information about its sources of funds or the size of contributions. This may be changed, however, in view of the recent Congressional election in the 1st Wisconsin District, where the Wisconsin branch of America First opposed Mr. Amlie for election. State Attorney General John E. Martin has announced his intention to order the chapter to file an official report upon its expenditures in the contest. The America First Committee in this particular district backed Lawrence H. Smith, who was successful in the election and the Wisconsin law requires all organizations participating in political campaigns to file a detailed expense account. The America First Committee has refused to comply with this law as of the present writing.

Respectfully,

D. A. Flinn

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My dear Mr. Hoover:

You can rest assured that I will see that no more such statements are made by any of our responsible members.

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Oct. 22, 1941.

Mr. Earl C. Jeffrey,
America First Committee,
1822 Board of Trade Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Jeffrey:

I received a letter from J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI, in which he quotes the following statement attributed to James B. Abbey, chairman of the San Diego America First Committee:

"We understand that there was information that the FBI checked up on the national organization, especially around Washington. Earl C. Jeffrey, national director of field operations, told us they had tapped wires and checked up on mail at Washington."

I desire to inquire as to whether or not you made such a statement. It is not true, and no member of our organization should make such loose statements, particularly pertaining to the FBI which is under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover who, as we all know, is a man of the highest character, integrity and ability.

Sincerely yours,

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ROBERT E. WOOD
925 SOUTH HOMAN AVENUE
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

610-23-41

AIR MAIL



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

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EX-19 Brigadier General Robert E. Wood
325 South Homan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear General Wood:

I have received your letter dated October 22, 1941, and enclosure, and appreciate your prompt response to my letter of October 17th. I wanted to bring the facts of this matter to your attention and am glad it has been entirely straightened out.

With best wishes and kind regards,

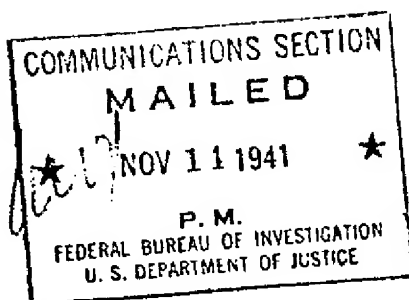
Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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cc - San Diego (Under cover of letter to SAC Nathan)

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Mr. Harold Nathan
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
728 San Diego Trust and
Savings Bank Building
San Diego, California

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Dear Mr. Nathan:

With reference to your letter of
October 7, 1941, concerning the misstatements
attributed to Earl C. Jeffrey of the America
First Committee in reference to the Bureau, I
thought you would like to see the attached
correspondence between Brigadier General Robert
E. Wood, Chairman of that Committee, and me. A
copy of my letter to General Wood dated October
17th has already been forwarded to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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- Mr. Tolson _____
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October 11, 1941.
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ED. V. IZAC
TWENTIETH DISTRICT
CALIFORNIA

HOME ADDRESS:
SAN DIEGO

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

November 12th, 1941

COMMITTEE:
NAVAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Tolson.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....
Mr. Clegg.....
Mr. Glavin.....
Mr. Ladd.....
Mr. Nichols.....
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have just received the following telegram
in the name of the persons whose names were
affixed thereto. This list almost corresponds
to the signers of the most denunciatory letters
against our present foreign policy that I have
been receiving for many months now.

I am further convinced it is at least a segment
of the San Diego America First Committee. I
thought perhaps this list in the hands of your
San Diego office might be of some value.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Ed. V. Izac
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HONORABLE ED V MIZAC
HOUSE OFFICE BLDG WASHINGTON DC

WE URGE YOU TO VOTE NO ON THE REVISION OF THE NEUTRALITY ACT. WE ALSO
DEMAND A FULL AND UNLIMITED DEBATE.

ALBERT E FURLOW, FRANK O'FARRELL, LOUISE MARGO RICHARDSON, MAUD HOLMES
MILLER, MRS J M. GREGG, MRS ELLA TUNNEY, MISS M EULLER, C LEON
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KNIGHT W WHEELER, MAUDE COLLING, MRS ZELMA E DUFFEE, DEL W. FREDERIC,
MRS GEO. BUNCASEL, GEORGE BUNCASEL, CATHERINE E SMITH, MRS W. I
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IDA T WHITE, H. H. PREIBISUIS, MARY C WOODWORTH, C N WOODWORTH,
MRS FANNIE C LENNON, NINA HEWITT, T E SNEELMAN, WILLIAM VATER,

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Honorable Ed. V. Isaac
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Congressman:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks your letter of November 12, 1941, with which you enclosed a telegram dated November 11, 1941, addressed to you by a number of individuals.

Your thoughtfulness in bringing this matter to my attention is indeed appreciated and in the event you obtain any additional information you deem of interest to the activities of the FBI, I know that you will not hesitate to refer it to me.

With expressions of my highest esteem and
best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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The President of the U. S. A.,

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Mr. H. D. Roosevelt,

White House, Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

I sincerely hope you will pardon
my troubling you at this crucial time. You are
the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy.
You are also our civilian President whom I voted
for in '32-'36 and '40.

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At the present time, you are facing a
malicious isolation that's threatening to hamper
your defense effort, and don't you think you
should draw a circle around this group - a sort
of a silence? And about those pickets? Why are
they created? No one is entitled to any con-
stitutional privileges detrimental to an accepted
Administration; such as speaking disparagingly of
you, or seeking to throw the nation into revolution,
which is the American People's aim. All these men
Cukley, Lindsey, Wheeler, Hye, Birch, Clarke etc., etc.
be silenced for the duration of this war.

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The President of the U. S. A.

Mr. F. D. Roosevelt
White House, Washington, D. C. 80420

Dear Mr. President:

I sincerely hope you will pardon my troubling you at this crucial time. You are the Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy. You are also our civilian President whom I voted for in '32 - '36 and '40.

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Yours,

/s/ ██████████ b7c

P. S. If this procedure suggests dictatorial tendencies and is contrary to our democratic policies, then I shall agree unconditionally that our democracy is ready for the hospital.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES H. ROWE, JR.,
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There are transmitted herewith for your information copies of a communication dated November 6, 1941, addressed to the President by [REDACTED]

Please be advised that the letter has not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Sir:

Reading the testimony of the
 trial in progress relating to the ships coming and going
 through New York harbor, suggests to
 my mind that the headquarters of
 the Hitler helping "America First" which
 includes a flock who are antagonistic
 to our country's effort to smash Hitler
 located at a spot overlooking New York
 harbor at Longhenville, at St. Louis, Mo.
 should be checked up -
 just in case. I hope you were
 direct a few bunches and also student
 are in that road -

Sincerely

Yours sincerely

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Mr. Hoover
Federal Investigation Bureau-

Dear Sir:

Reading the testimony of the 8/29 trial in progress just now, the part relating to the ships coming and going through New York harbor, suggest to my mind that the Headquarters of the Hitler helping "America First" which includes a flock who are antagonistic to our country's effort to smack Hitlerism located at a spot overlooking New York harbor at Tompkinsville, 1 Stasson Terr. should be checked up-- just in case. I hope I'm wrong. Quite a few Bundists and Nazi students are in that roost. --Confidentially.

Yours sincerely,
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Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith for your
attention, copies of a communication postmarked November
17, 1941, addressed to the Bureau by [REDACTED]

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together with copies of my reply thereto under date of
December 1.

It is a desire of the Bureau that you ascertain
whether the address to which the informant refers in his
letter is an office of the America First Committee, or
whether it has reference to the location of a subversive
group. In the event that the address is that of the
America First Committee, you should, of course, conduct
no investigation. However, if the location is a meeting
place of subversive groups, you should, of course, make
appropriate inquiries in order to determine whether there
is any violation of any statute within the Bureau's
jurisdiction.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am in receipt of your letter postmarked November 17, 1941, and desire to express my sincere appreciation for your courtesy and interest in communicating with me.

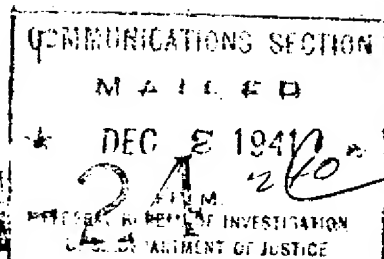
You may be assured that the content of your letter has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in the official files of this Bureau. Should you obtain any further information you believe of interest to the activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I urge you to communicate with me or Mr. P. E. Foxworth, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 607 U. S. Court House, Foley Square, New York, New York.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc - New York-- with copies
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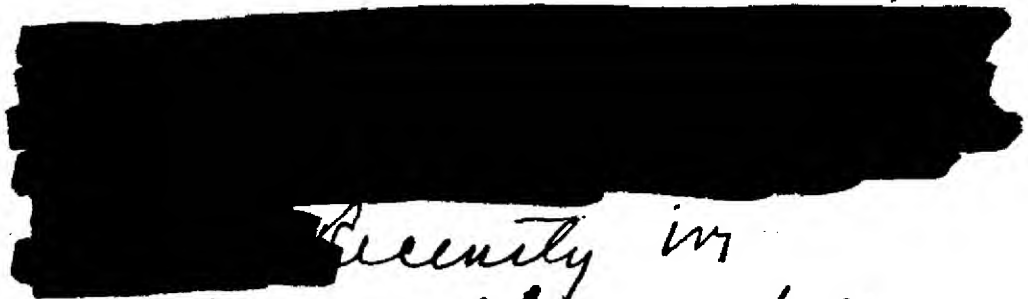
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very
active in the "Republican
Women's Study Club" —
Since the Commander
and Chief of the Red
Army is our president
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in the Community

 Recently in
started a plan upon
which we are getting
our leading citizens
to sponsor a patriotic
meeting ~~upon~~ ^{at} which
the town would
meet in a dignified
patriotic meeting to
protest against the
axis powers. Every one has
been invited regardless
of creed, politics etc.


has started the
rumor that I am
a member of the
America First
organization -

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Rural district and
have had to correct
this wrong impression
in some cases -
very likely for

have agents here
who know about
these things -

However, there is
a situation here
that should be
quickly investigated

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Red Cross Urges Public To View Toyland

In keeping with the open house plan of Anaheim stores with the introduction of toyland for the Christmas shopping season in Anaheim, will be the Red Cross headquarters at 129 West Center street. Invitation is extended to the public to visit the headquarters. Mrs. John W. Truxaw, chairman of the Anaheim chapter, Mrs. L. H. Loudon and Mrs. Mae Leyecke will be hostesses during the evening.

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Dear [REDACTED]

I have for acknowledgment your letter postmarked November 12, 1941, with enclosure, and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for your courtesy in communicating with me.

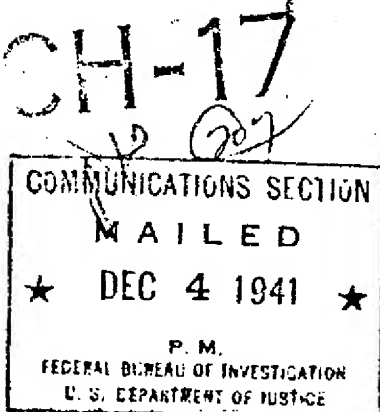
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John Edgar Hoover
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November 22, 1941

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Re: THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

5/8/86
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The America First Committee was incorporated under the Not for Profit Laws of the State of Illinois on September 19, 1940. The purposes of the committee as outlined in its charter are to encourage and maintain in the United States of America:

1. Peace and the Democratic ideal.
2. A program of adequate defense.
3. A furtherance of peace in this continent, a policy of non-intervention in the affairs of other continents and to encourage the giving of help to refugees and the needy in other lands insofar as such help does not endanger the peace in the United States.

The America First Committee has advertised itself as being "non-partisan organization of loyal and patriotic men who believe:

1. The United States must build an unbreakable national defense.
2. No foreign power nor group of powers can ever successfully invade a prepared America.
3. Our Government sending men of its own, ships, planes and materials of war to a belligerent overseas dangerously weakens our defense at home and threatens to involve America in war abroad.
4. Our American Democratic liberties can only be preserved by keeping out of foreign wars in Europe or in Asia."

The national headquarters of the America First Committee is located at 1806 Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois. A local headquarters is maintained in Washington, D. C., at 1010 Vermont Avenue, N. W. There is a total of 506 local chapters and affiliated units of the America First Committee throughout the United States.

The following is a list of the officers and Directors of the America First Committee with the background as to each individual

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Acting Chairman - GENERAL ROBERT E. WOOD, 925 S. Homan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of West Point and served many years as officer in the United States Army; presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sears Roebuck and Company.

National Director and Secretary - R. DOUGLAS STUART, JR.; 141 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of Yale University and studied three years in the Yale Law School before terminating his study to become associated with the America First Committee; is the son of R. Douglas Stuart of the Quaker Oats Company.

Treasurer - J. STANFORD OTIS, Vice-President of the Central Republic Bank of Chicago.

Board of Directors

HANFORD MAC NIDER - Mason City, Iowa; presently a banker; former National Commander of the American Legion; former Assistant Secretary of War, 1925 to 1928; served with the United States Army in France during the World War and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on May 6, 1919; received Croix de Guerre - five citations; also connected with various civic organizations.

GENERAL THOMAS HANMOND - Retired United States Army Officer; president of Whiting Corporation, manufacturers of cranes and foundry equipment, Harvey, Illinois; served with United States Army in World War; chairman of Republican Party in Illinois.

J. C. HORMEL - Formerly with George A. Hormel and Company Packers, Austin, Minnesota.

CLAY JUDSON - Attorney, 120 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois; associated with the law firm of Wilson and McIlvaine; former president of Chicago Council of Foreign Relationships; member of Board of Trustees of United

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Charities, Chicago, and president of Board of Trustees, Frances Parker School, Chicago, which is a well-known private school.

In addition to the above officers, the following are members of the America First Committee:

DR. ANTON JULIUS CARLSON -

Professor of University of Chicago; reported to be an international pacifist; has studied in Moscow, U.S.S.R.; considered an extreme liberal was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Sanitary Corps, United States Army in 1917 and was with the American Expeditionary Force from March to September, 1919.

WILLIAM R. CASTLE, JR. -

Former Assistant Secretary of State; former Ambassador to Japan.

IRVIN S. COBB - Nationally known speaker and author.

JANET AYER FAIRBANKS -

Active in cause of women suffrage and politics; former member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee; was a member of the Women's National Liberty Loan Committee during the World War; has written several books.

JOHN T. FLYNN - Noted economist and writer; wrote "Country Squire in the White House."

HENRY FORD - Automobile manufacturer.

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON -

Nationally known retired Army officer.

ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH -

Daughter of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

THOMAS N. MC CARTER -

Attorney General of New Jersey, 1902 to 1907, which post he resigned to become president of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, which operates and controls nearly all of the gas, electric and transportation utilities in New

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Jersey; director of Chase National Bank, New York City; Federal Union Trust Company; Newark, New Jersey; American Surety Company; American Super Power Corporation and United Gas Improvement Company.

CAPTAIN EDWARD RICK-NBACKER -
Nationally known aviation figure.

LOUIS J. TABER - Nationally known for his work in connection with agricultural developments.

DR. GEORGE H. WHIPPLE -
Nationally known pathologist.

The following persons, who are nationally known, are also Members of this Committee:

Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark
Bishop W. E. Hammaker
Kathryn Lewis
Sterling Morton
Edward L. Ryerson, Jr.
Mrs. Burton K. Wheeler

The America First Committee is reported to be financed solely by voluntary contributions by those interested in the organization. The Committee conducted a radio broadcast on October 21, 1940, at which time the radio announcer requested his listeners to send anything from dimes to dollars to the America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and this same request was made following numerous other broadcasts.

The financial support of the America First Committee seemingly evolves from voluntary contributions and in connection with the financing of this Committee attention is directed to the financial positions held by:

General Robert E. Wood
R. Douglas Stuart, Jr.
J. Sanford Otis
Hanford MacMider
General Thomas Hammond

J. C. Horzel
Clay Judson
Wm. R. Castle
Henry Ford
Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Thomas N. McCarter

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On October 21, 1940, Boake Carter was sponsored in a transcription program of Station WGNAC, Chicago, Illinois, by the America First Committee. In this broadcast Carter explained that the Committee was dedicated to aid America first and later to aid Britain. Following the transcription, the announcer suggested that the listeners write their congressmen and senators demanding that they prevent the United States' intervention into the war and that they arm America before aiding Britain and also requesting the audience to send in anything from dimes to dollars to the America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois.

A confidential informant stated that the America First Committee was started by General Wood in cooperation with the other members of the Committee and that although the Committee's viewpoints in connection with the United States' present policy in foreign affairs is different from that of the administration, he is of the opinion that the Committee originally had a few persons in it who were what he termed "left-wingers" and according to him are not to be considered Communistic.

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[REDACTED] advised that on January 16, 1941, the office of the America First Committee was opened on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and it was observed that the automobile of Doctor Georg Gyssling, German Consul was parked in front of the building during that day. The informant related that this car had never been seen there previously and has not been seen there since that time.

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The America First Committee has published an enormous amount of propaganda literature concerning the aims of the Committee and has circulated this literature throughout the United States. The apparent object of the literature is to crystallize American opinion to prevent the entrance of the United States into European wars and to vilify the foreign affairs program of President Roosevelt. The numerous pamphlets published by the Committee state that 86% of the people of the United States are opposed to the United States intervening in foreign wars. These pamphlets fail to make any explanation as to how the figure of 86% was arrived at. This literature also makes an appeal to American mothers to aid the Committee for the purpose of preventing their sons from being embroiled in another European war. The foreign program of President Roosevelt is termed "the road to war" by the literature emanating from this committee.

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Friends of Democracy, Incorporated, L. M. Kirkhead, National Director, with National headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, published a pamphlet entitled the "America First Committee, the Nazi Transmission Belt." This pamphlet alleges the America First Committee whether its members know it or not and whether they like it or not is a Nazi front organization and is a transmission belt by means of which the apostles of Nazism are spreading their anti-Democratic ideas into millions of American homes. This pamphlet also charges that Adolf Hitler and his disciples in the United States are using the America First Committee to spread Fascist and Nazi propaganda.

Information received from the office of Naval Intelligence discloses that on February 4, 1941, Paul von Gontard entertained John Wheeler and his wife Helene Albright Wheeler, the son and daughter-in-law of Senator Wheeler. During the course of the conversation at the party, Mrs. Wheeler stated while attacking the contemplated Lend Lease Bill, also opposed by the America First Committee, that the "only way we can be safe is to see the pins knocked out from under Britain." The informant who furnished this information stated that such a remark indicated that she had become imbued with pro-German sentiment because of her association with various individuals, including Doctor Adolph Speckles, Miss Josephine Alderman, and one Hans Wolfram, all of whom are suspected of German espionage. It will be noted that Hans Wolfram has done publicity work for the German Embassy.

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Information received from Edwin S. Webster, General Secretary of America First Committee, 49 East 53 Street, New York City discloses that a New York Chapter of this Committee has between 15,000 and 20,000 members. Webster claims that none but an American citizen can become a member of this Committee.

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Information received from the office of Military Intelligence, indicates that the America First Committee, in the opinion of the Communists, is a dangerous movement launched by "big open-shop industrialists," and the political bureau of the Communist Party is of the belief that in the event that the United States gets into the war, the America First Committee will support the war regardless of its present opposition; and further that when this country is ready to plunge into war the "General Woods, Byersons, Fords, McCormicks," etc., would declare that they no longer opposed war because the country is engaged with a foreign foe.

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(Conf. Source

G-2, 61-7582-11557)

A leaflet distributed in February, 1941, by the German American National Alliance urged the recipient of the leaflet to write to two senators advocating the defeat of the Lend Lease Bill and to send financial contributions to the America First Committee.

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On February 25, 1941, the Chicago Tribune carried an article relating that the America First Committee had assigned speakers to cover down-state communities in Illinois for the purpose of creating opposition to the Administration Bill. It was stated that Walter F. Boye who, during the summer of 1938, had toured the German Reich and who had returned to the United States with glowing accounts of Nazi accomplishments and praise of

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Hitler's ideology was one of these speakers. It was indicated that Bay's line of argument in his speaking tour would take the form of "placing such terrific power in the President's hands." (100-0-3003)

The Philadelphia Ledger for April 22, 1941, carried an article stating that the National Legion of Mothers and Women of America contemplated inviting women associated with the Hyphacuseer Band into its membership. Mrs. Edith Scott of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, whose organization is affiliated with the America First Committee, said the invitation was under consideration by her group. (100-4712-A)

In the April 14, 1941 issue of the Staten Island Advance an article appeared stating that Howard I. Jump, son of Mrs. Lila Jump, head of the Staten Island unit of the America First Committee, had failed to report for induction as ordered by the local draft board and had been given a formal notice giving him five days in which to change his mind. Jump, twice before, was refused deferment by his local draft board; once on a medical deficiency claim and again on an occupational claim. (100-4712-30X1)

Information received from the office of Naval Intelligence on April 23, 1941, discloses that [REDACTED], a member of the crew of the U.S.S. Sims, a United States destroyer, had been active aboard the ship and had obtained the signatures of twelve enlisted men to join the America First Committee. (Conf. Source ONI, 100-4712-33) b7c

The News Letter of Los Angeles, California for April 9, 1941, carried an article concerning the America First Committee meeting held at Los Angeles, California, which was addressed by Mrs. Catherine Curtis and Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota. This article related that Mrs. Curtis' experience in rabble rousing is so comprehensive that she might easily qualify as "the top notcher of the petition platoon." It was she who founded the Women's National Committee for Hands Off the Supreme Court. She also was active in organizing the Women Investors in America, Incorporated, which organizations make their headquarters at 595 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. (100-4712-38)

Information received from the office of Military Intelligence on May 6, 1941, reveals that the German American War Veterans of Portland, Oregon had contributed funds to the America First Committee, and that the America First Committee had received funds from other German organizations. (Conf. Source G-2, 100-36444-1)

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Information emanating from the office of Military Intelligence on May 9, 1941, reports that the Nazis have instructed the naturalized members of the German-American population to join the America First Committee and to use it as an avenue of anti-British and anti-war propaganda. (conf. source G-2, 100-4712-6)

The same source advised that on May 21, 1941, the America First Committee in the Ninth Corps Area of the United States Army had fallen under the control of radicals seeking to undermine the morale of the soldiers by means of anti-war propaganda. (conf. source G-2, 61-7559-11760)

The Washington Times Herald for May 26, 1941, reported that the America First Committee together with the Committee Against War and the Keep America Out of War Congress had made plans for a three-day rally commencing May 30, 1941. The two latter groups are reported to contain a number of Socialists in their ranks. (100-10689-A)

Information received from a confidential source on May 26, 1941, reveals that United German Societies held a meeting on May 26, 1941, at the New York Turn Hall at which time the meeting was addressed by Dr. Fleischman, a member of the America First Committee. (61-9879-268)

The activity of the America First Committee reached its peak during the period when it exerted its complete effort to the end of blocking the Lend Lease Bill sponsored by the administration. Thousands of pieces of literature were distributed; numerous meetings were held in the metropolitan areas and the people all over the nation were incited to petition their national representatives to block the passage of this legislation. (100-4712-16)

Two of the largest meetings sponsored by this Committee during that period were held at New York City on May 23, 1941, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 29, 1941, at which meetings approximately 20,000 people attended. Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana, Charles A. Lindbergh, Kathleen Norris and Norman Thomas were the headline speakers at these meetings. The texts of the speeches delivered were concerned with deriding the administration's foreign policy, especially the Lend Lease Bill, which they emphatically criticized as an active step towards entrance of the United States into the European conflict. (100-4712-58-71)

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Information has been received from the office of Military Intelligence that a young lady employed at the America First Committee headquarters in New Rochelle, New York, had advised an enlisted man that it was permissible for him to petition the authorities in Washington in regard to the proposed national foreign policy and expressed the opinion that she would not blame the enlisted man in going I.W.O.L., in case war was declared by the United States. (G-2, 100-4712-107)

(S-1)(C) An anonymous communication received on July 28, 1941, enclosed a clipping from the New York Evening Post. This clipping disclosed that Newton Dillaway of Needing, Massachusetts received numerous communications from the German Library of Information addressed to him as Newton Sillaway, and that after this organization was closed he began to receive literature from the America First Committee addressed to him in the same manner, that is the same mistake with the spelling of his name, and the stencil printing on the literature received from the America First Committee was identical with that received from the German Library of Information. (100-4712-

Information received from an outside unknown source on August 7, 1941, disclosed that the America First Committee has a Colored Section headed by J. Finley Wilson, Chairman, and Perry W. Howard, Secretary, with national headquarters at 613 F Street, North West, Washington, D. C. This organization is reported to have distributed literature in colored circles requesting the colored population to petition their national representatives to discourage the United States from entering the European war. (100-4712-112)

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Committee was the creation of one R. Douglas Stuart, Jr., a law graduate of Yale University in 1940. Stuart was said to have first contacted Colonel Lindbergh and then Earl Browder concerning the formation of such an organization. Later General Robert Wood and others entered the picture. This informant stated that there is an influential Jewish group backing the America First Committee, which group has as its front the Guggenheim Foundation. This Committee was said to have been set up because of hatred for President Roosevelt and his foreign policy. The informant further mentions that the Committee was also founded as a sounding board for anti-Jewish propaganda, and in this connection, he mentioned the fact that Father Coughlin of Detroit and the Christian Front Organizations had been officially welcomed into the America First Committee by General Wood. He also stated that in Washington the Committee has a strong anti-Roosevelt lobby composed of William Castle, Alice Longworth, John L. Lewis and General Hugh S. Johnson, all bitter enemies of the President. This informant further mentioned the fact that assisting William Castle in Washington is William Sanger, a former Communist. It is to be noted that the information contained in this summary report has been submitted to the Bureau from numerous sources located in different sections of the country. (100-4712-138; [REDACTED] Denver, Colorado; 100-4712-140X, NYC, Unknown Source; 100-4712-149, [REDACTED] b2

On August 30, 1941, a confidential informant submitted information which had been received from a "highly confidential and reliable source", which told of a movement instituted by notorious anti-Semites for the formation of a Nationalist Party. This movement, already actively begun in Detroit and Chicago, was said to be centered around the America First Committee. According to the informant, this so-called anti-Semitic movement is backed by Henry Ford and professes to have Charles Lindbergh as its national leader. The informant told of an alleged meeting sponsored by this Nationalist Party held in Detroit on July 30, 1941, at which a vigorous anti-Jewish campaign platform was adopted. (100-4712-139, Informant, G-2, Governors Island, NY)

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With reference to the America First meeting held at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles on October 2, 1941, it is to be noted that Senator Wheeler, the principal speaker, after launching an attack upon President Roosevelt's broken promises regarding his war stand, his ordering the American Navy to shoot, and to occupy Iceland, stated that it might well be assumed that soon American soldiers would be fighting side by side with Communists for the protection and preservation of Communist Russia. He referred to the present cooperation between England and Russia as an "Unholy Alliance." The Senator then launched into an attack upon the motion picture industry charging them with the spreading of war propaganda and pinning upon them the responsibility of invading the United States in another foreign war. He then charged the Jews with being responsible for the propaganda pictures presently circulating in this country and referred to the fact that Jewish refugees are presently being feted by the United States citizens while attempting to have the United States fight the war for them and their cause. (100-4712-158; Letter from R. B. Hood dated October 3, 1941)

In October of 1941 information was received that the America First Committee held a meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on May 29, 1941, and that on the speaker's stand inside the arena there were several representatives of the German-American Central Band of Pennsylvania, among them Gustav F. Nickel, president of the Philadelphia section of that Band, and Leopold Ayre. Also in attendance was a member of the German Consulate in Philadelphia. (100-4712-184; Source: 692, Chicago, Ill.)

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With reference to this Jewish question, Frank Suthers in the Chicago Daily News pointed out that the Free American and Deutsche Weckruf und Beobachter of September 25 carried an editorial by William Kunze of the Bund which hailed Lindbergh, Nye, and Wheeler as "courageous men" and concluded with the usual charge that the present war was brought on by the machinations of the International Jew. (100-4712-A)

In a speech before the America First Committee in Brooklyn on September 22, Senator Nye accused Wendell L. Willkie and the Interventionists of "dragging into this war controversy that cheap, wholly un-American issue called anti-Semitism." (100-4712-A; Washington Star Sept. 23, 1941)

A confidential source recently called attention to the fact that the America First Committee had recently expressed bitter protests against the three major radio networks, charging them with discrimination, and stating that inadequate facilities had been provided for the America First rally scheduled for the evening of October 11st at Madison Square Garden. A request for an investigation of the alleged discrimination was signed by John F. Flynn, Amos E. R. Pinchet and others. (100-4712-193; Source: ONI)

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On November 1 a group of 125 chairmen of the America First Committee were addressed by former Governor Phillip LaFollette of Wisconsin at a dinner held in Washington, D. C. LaFollette was said to have openly called for an insurrection by "fearless red blooded Americans to overthrow the 'War Party' government . . ." and to have stated that " . . . if the administration using a 'rubber stamp Congress' tries to postpone elections, we, the real 'American Party', will call upon all real Americans to fight for their freedom right here as their forefathers fought in the revolution." (100-4712-189)

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is being submitted herewith
a memorandum containing information in the
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Committee.

Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE
INTERNAL SECURITY

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[REDACTED] requested that his name not be used in connection with any investigation which might be conducted.

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for
your information and such action as you consider advis-
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Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
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SUBJECT: AMERICAN FIRST COMMITTEE

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1. The anti-British activities of the American First Committee are being increased, both in volume and intensity of attack, and in all sectional headquarters of the A.F.C. in Greater New York other subversive slogans, "Impeach the President" and "Free Washington of British Influence" are promoted with the regular A.F.C. anti-war propaganda.

2. In New York City, the same small cliques of fanatical workers, with a direct tie-up with the Bund and Japanese propaganda circles, are active and have practically intimidated the other workers who believe it is their loyal duty to prevent this country from entering war, but are opposed to the aims.

3. In Queens and Brooklyn, these groups are turning their particular attention to religious communities as the best means to influence foreign born or foreign language groups, with marked success. The real leaders are not in evidence, as they operate through a large number of shabby, but fanatical agents, whom they are able to recruit without great financial expense, and who, from a psychological standpoint, are open to the powers of suggestion and as such conform practically to an unknown quantity and force.

4. Any attempt to control this movement by trying to develop legal cases against individuals fall short of purpose, as the loss of the known surface leaders would not stop the movement, there being ample replacements available. A large enough staff of sympathizers, boiling over with the desire to serve in a more active capacity, are ready and waiting to be called.

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Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a pamphlet, copies of which
were widely distributed throughout the down town buildings
in Roanoke, Virginia.

On November 13, 1941 this matter was called to
the attention of Special Agent [REDACTED] b7C
[REDACTED] b7D

No investigative action has been taken regarding
this matter and the pamphlet is being submitted simply for
purposes of information.

Very truly yours,

ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

C. A. HENNRICH
Special Agent in Charge

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ONE WAY PASSAGE

Neutrality—or War?

"Controversies which would involve the United States are far more likely to arise from the entrance of American ships or American citizens in the danger zone, or through the sinking on the high seas of American vessels."

—Cordell Hull and Franklin D. Roosevelt, July 4, 1939

Those who seek revision of the Neutrality Law know full well that it means:

American ships will be sunk . . .

American seamen will be drowned . . .

The American people will be swept into war on a wave of hysteria—just as in 1917.

The war party is demanding a one way passage to Davy Jones' Locker for American seamen—a one way passage to the battle-fields of Europe for a huge new AEF.

What Are You Going to Do About It?

"This government will insist that American citizens and American ships will keep away from the immediate perils of the actual zones of conflict."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, September 21, 1939

The war party now seeks repeal of the section of the Neutrality Act which keeps our ships and our seamen out of the war zones.

They do so knowing that **repeal will mean:**

The sinking of American ships.

The drowning of American seamen.

A series of inflammatory "incidents" which will drag us into war.

They deliberately seek repeal knowing the certainty of these consequences—which the President foresaw in 1939—and knowing further:

- 1. That there is no practical need for repeal—England needs our shipping less than at any time since the war began. (See Page 5)**
- 2. That we will not enter the war while the Neutrality Law stands intact. (See Page 6)**
- 3. That the purpose of the Lend-Lease Law is to prevent our ships from entering the war zones. (See Page 7)**

The proposed repeal is the war party's last desperate gamble—they are betting we will go to war if enough American seamen are drowned. This time they go too far—they shall go no further.

On this issue we stand our ground. Read what the true facts are. Learn what you can do—what you must do—to stop this threat here and now.

Why Was the Neutrality Act Passed?

"By the Neutrality Act . . . we made it clear to every American, and to every foreign nation, that we would avoid becoming entangled through some episode beyond our borders."

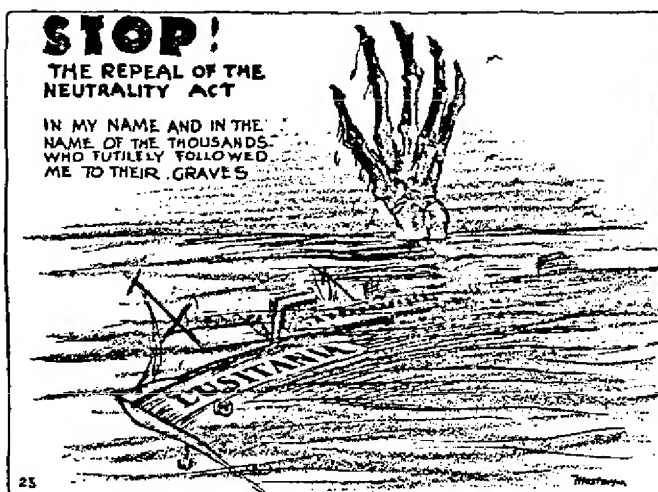
—Franklin D. Roosevelt, October 24, 1940

The Neutrality Act was a guarantee by Congress that we would not be drawn into another war. Its purpose was to eliminate the causes. Its purpose was to prevent a grim repetition of 1917.

In the period of 1935 to 1939 America was cool and collected. There was no pressure—no propaganda—for war. Congress carefully studied the history of 1914-1918. It held hearings which were complete and thorough—they were not limited to two days. And Congress learned what everybody now knows.

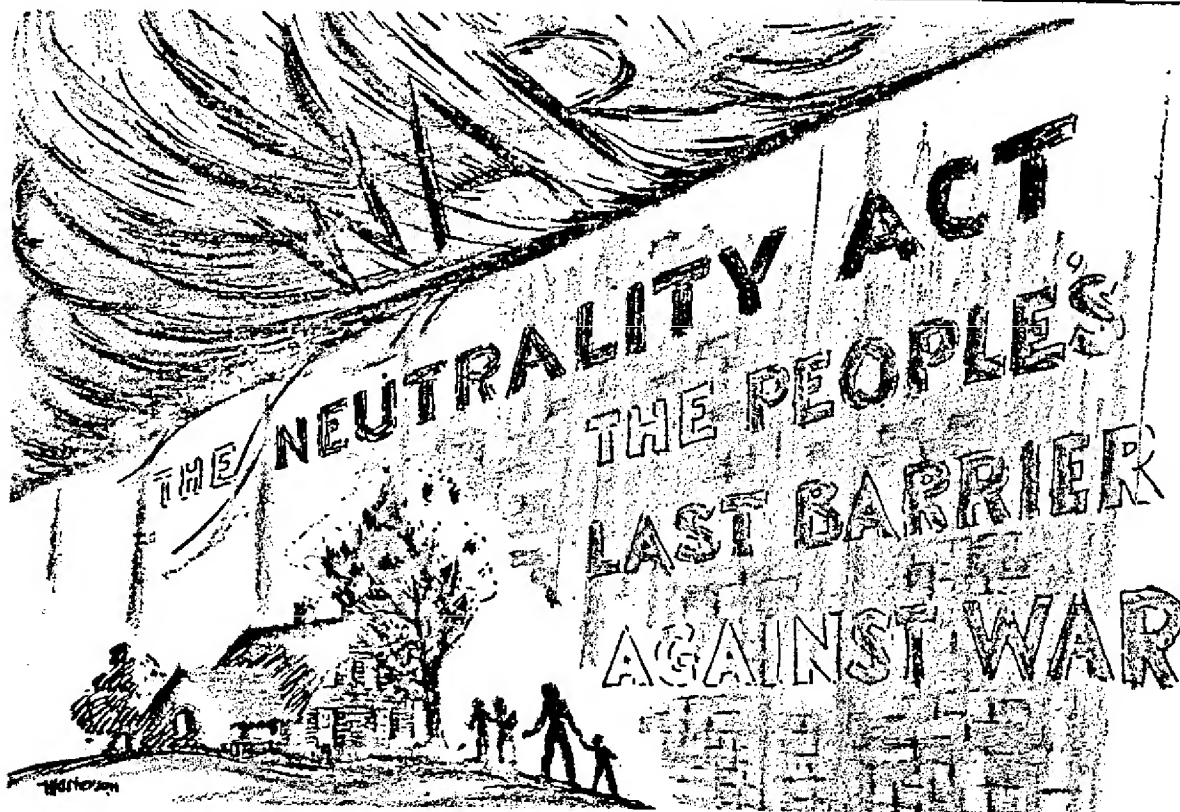
We would not have been drawn into the World War if we had had a Neutrality Act in 1917.

So Congress passed—and the President signed—a wise and prudent law—a law to prevent another series of tragic incidents which would cause a blind hysteria for war. Today that law keeps our ships away from certain destruction—away from the submarine-infested waters off the coast of Europe.



Congress knew then and knows now that ships which carry contraband of war to one belligerent are fair targets for the other. Those ships will be sunk. This is what the war party longingly looks forward to. The American people must give them their answer.

What Has the Neutrality Law Done ?



"The adoption of these recommendations offered greater safeguards than we had before, to protect American lives and property from destruction, and in that way tended to avoid the incidents and controversies likely to draw us into the conflict, as they had done in the last World War."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, October 4, 1941.

The Neutrality Law has accomplished its purpose. It has kept us out of war.

To date not one American ship has been sunk, not one American life lost, in the war zones.

Secretary of Navy Knox testified on **October 13, 1941**:

"In this sense, it may be said with justification that the act has been successful—the United States has not gone to war over incidents."

Until we make those incidents possible we will not go to war. That is why the Neutrality Law is the people's last barrier. That is why the war party is trying so desperately to tear it down. That is why the people must insist:

No drowning of American seamen—no tampering with American lives—no repeal of the People's no-war law.

THERE ARE VARIOUS KINDS OF "INCIDENTS"

American merchant ships should not be confused with American war vessels. The United States Destroyers GREER and KEARNY were both engaged in "incidents" while in pursuit of German submarines.

The Greer, according to the official Navy Department report, pursued a submerged submarine for three hours, and cooperated with an English war plane which dropped four depth bombs on the submarine. Not until after this attack did the sub fire a torpedo across the Greer's wake. The Greer then dropped eight depth charges and the submarine thereupon fired another torpedo, which missed. These actual facts were not made public until long after the Presi-

dent's shoot-on-sight speech, which gave a different account of the incident.

The Secretary of the Navy has reported that the Kearny was engaged in convoy duty and had searched out and attacked a submarine. After the Kearny had dropped depth charges on the submarine, the sub fired three torpedoes.

The Destroyer REUBEN JAMES was also on convoy duty. These incidents did not occur in the war zones—but they indicate what we may properly expect if our armed merchant ships and naval vessels try to deliver contraband directly to belligerent ports. Such ships, of course, will be legitimate targets, according to international law.

Is Repeal Really Necessary?

"Losses by enemy action of British, Allied and neutral ships during the quarter of July, August and September have been only one-third of those losses during the quarter of April, May and June . . . Very few important ships carrying munitions have been lost on the way . . . Our reserves of food stand higher than at the outbreak of the war." —Winston Churchill, House of Commons, October 1, 1941

THE QUESTION THEY CANNOT ANSWER

Q. If the true purpose of repeal is to increase deliveries to England, why can't this be accomplished **immediately** by transferring American ships to England in accordance with the Lend-Lease Law?

A. It can, of course, but this won't produce the attacks on the **American Flag** which the war party so desperately needs. This question exposes the proposed repeal for the sham and hypocrisy that it is.

(See below amazing letter from Moore-McCormack Steamship Lines.¹)

The blunt truth is this—there is no practical need for repeal. The facts tell the story:

1. England has more shipping today than she had when the war began. In September, 1939, England had 21,000,000 tons, or 31% of the world's shipping. Today, despite losses, she has 25,767,000 tons, or 45% of the world's shipping.²
2. Shipping losses in the Atlantic have become almost negligible. See Churchill speech quoted above. Less than 4% of cargoes of all flags leaving our shores have failed to reach England—even last winter when the battle of the Atlantic was at its height.³ England has just released forty of our tankers which she does not need.⁴
3. Our own ship yards and the ship yards of Great Britain are turning out new ships at an unprecedented rate that exceeds by many times the combined rate of losses.⁵

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¹"From a strictly commercial point of view there is no reason at all why all of the goods carried to Great Britain cannot be carried under British registry, thus removing the dangers of an international incident as far as the United States is concerned. If one of these vessels should be sunk." Letter from Robert C. Lee, Executive Vice-President of the Moore-McCormack Steamship Lines, page 8186 of the Congressional Record, October 16, 1941.

²Washington Times Herald, October 5, 1941, citing U. S. Maritime Commission, British Shipping Mission, Lloyd's of London, British Press Service, American Bureau of Shipping. New York Times, September 28, 1941.

³Admiral Emory S. Land, Chairman, U. S. Maritime Commission, letter to Senator Vandenberg, Washington Star, May 7, 1941.

⁴Announcement by Secretary Ickes, October 23, 1941.

⁵London Economist, November 23, 1940; testimony of Admiral Land before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, September 26, 1941.



We Will Not Go to War While This Law Stands

"I believe that American vessels should, as far as possible, be restricted from entering the danger zones. . . . This means less likelihood of incidents and controversies which tend to draw us into the conflict as they did in the World War."

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, September 21, 1939

The President made the above recommendation in his message to the special session of Congress which approved the present Neutrality Law.

Congress recognized the wisdom of this measure, and loudest in their support were the men who shout for repeal now. What they said then, however, has been proven even truer today.

Read how their past utterances belie what they say today. Let their own words state the true case for retention of the Neutrality Law.

Senator Tom Connally (Texas) Chairman, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, October 14, 1939.

"Although under international law you have a right to go about your vocation and travel the high seas, as a domestic regulation we forbid you to do so at this time, in order, not alone to protect your lives, but to protect the lives of all the millions of Americans and help keep them out of this devastating and desolating war."

(This man's radio speech opened the drive for repeal.)

Senator Alben W. Barkley (Kentucky), Senate Majority Leader, October 19, 1939.

"The law which we are now proposing would have prevented these attacks upon property and lives (in 1916-17) because both property and lives would have been withheld from regions of danger resulting in their destruction or their attack upon them. The law we are proposing will keep

American ships and American cargoes and American sailors and American travelers out of the regions of danger."

(This man leads the fight for repeal in the Senate.)

Senator Lister Hill (Alabama), October 25, 1939.

"What we want to do is to keep American ships out of the danger zones, so they will not be subject to seizure, or any interference or action by Britain or Germany or any other country."

Senator Josh Lee (Oklahoma), October 27, 1939.

"The purpose of this law is to prevent war; it is a preventive measure."

Senator Kenneth McKellar (Mississippi), October 20, 1939.

"I believe the safeguards in the joint resolution constitute many steps to keep us out of war."

(This is the man who introduced the first resolution calling for repeal.)

"Changing the Neutrality Act to send our ships to belligerent ports would mean war."

—Senator George W. Norris (Nebraska), September 24, 1941.

"Let Us Be Consistent"—President Roosevelt

"Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize or to permit the authorization of the entry of any American vessel into a combat area in violation of Section 3 of the Neutrality Act of 1939."

—Lend-Lease Law, Section 3, Subsection 5 (e).

In his message to Congress of October 9, 1941, President Roosevelt said: "I earnestly trust that the Congress will carry out the true intent of the Lend-Lease Act. . . . In other words, I ask for Congressional action to implement Congressional policy. Let us be consistent."

The President says the Law means one thing; the provisions of the Law state the opposite.

The only way to be consistent with the policy of the Lend-Lease Law is to retain the Neutrality Act as it is.

The Lend-Lease Law was introduced, sponsored, and passed as a means of keeping America out of war. Secretary Stimson, Secretary Knox, Wendell Willkie and every member of the Senate who supported the Bill so stated for the Record.

So strongly did Congress feel that the Lend-Lease Law should keep us out of war—not take us



Congress Took No Chances

When Congress passed the Lend-Lease Law, they went to extraordinary limits to make sure that the Bill would not permit the fatal step of "delivering the goods." Every word in the Bill was analyzed and all possible insurance was taken.

For instance, the original bill authorized the President to "transfer" any defense article. In his testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, former Governor Landon cited Webster's Dictionary which defines the word "transfer" as follows: "to convey from one place to another; to transport, remove, to another place."

He pointed out that this word might possibly be interpreted as authority to deliver Lend-Lease material to England. This seems far fetched, perhaps, but the Senate was taking no chances—it went out of its way to amend the Bill to make it clear that transfer means only to transfer ownership of goods right here on the shores of the United States.

in—that they specifically excluded from the Bill measures which might lead toward war.

They reaffirmed the Neutrality Act. They refused to allow convoys and they outlawed the suggestion that we "deliver the goods." In short the Lend-Lease Law says: Let England's great fleet come and get all the goods it needs—but keep our ships and our seamen out of the war zones.

**"Let us be consistent."
Let us "implement Congressional policy" by preserving the no-war Law now.**

Repeal Means Convoys and Convoys Mean War

If we were to send our merchant ships into the English Channel, naturally we would want to protect them with our naval vessels—our convoys, as the President indicated in his Navy Day address. But to quote the President himself,—"Convoys mean shooting and shooting means war."

That is why the Lend-Lease Law provides: "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize or to permit the authorization of conveying by naval vessels of the United States."—Section 3, Subsection 5 (e).

Notwithstanding this provision, the U. S. Destroyers Kearny and Reuben James were on convoy duty.

How America Will Win the Battle of Neutrality

Here's What You Must Do

Whatever you do, do it now. It is a matter of days or hours before Congress votes on the issue which will mean certain war. Act at once—whatever the sacrifice, whatever the effort. Do these things immediately:

1. Write or telegraph your two Senators and Congressman today. These men are faced with the most solemn decision of their lives. They know their vote means peace or war. They are waiting to hear from you. Sit down and write—at once. To hesitate is to lose by default.
2. Make a telephone call today to your Congressman or Senator. Call him person to person at National 3120. If he is not in his office, ask the operator to put the call through to the House or Senate Floor or to his home. **Let's make the wires hum.**
3. Join the America First Committee. If you are already a member, call at your local chapter and enlist in the fighting forces of the Neutrality Brigade.
4. Send us your check today. We are in urgent need of funds. Contribute all you can immediately. One dollar will carry this pamphlet to twenty others. Ten dollars will carry it to two hundred.

America First Committee *Box 24*
141 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois *Room 11*

Dear Sir:

I am a patriotic American who believes that we should build an impregnable defense and stay out of the European war. Please enroll me as a member of the America First Committee. I enclose \$_____ to further our work.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____

"By the Neutrality Act . . . we made it clear that ships flying the American flag could not carry munitions to a belligerent, and that they must stay out of the war zones. Was that right?"

—Franklin D. Roosevelt, October 24, 1940
(When running for re-election)

Write—Telegraph—Telephone, NOW.

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October 28, 1941.,

Mr. Walter Winchell

New York City,

Dear Sir:

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divulge some information supplied by one of those who thinks
"Hitler the greatest man born since Christ."

There is a wealthy man's estate in Danbury Conn.,
that has a complete arsenal, which is to be used by those
America-First-Bund members, for riot and revolutionary
purposes here in N.Y. in the event this country declares
war.

This information is authentic and do hope you will
not disregard it; so many are plotting for our overthrow,
that as a 100% American, I can't help but feel, these so
called German-American citizens should be investigated.

May I take this means of commending your staunch
stand for Real Americanism.

Signed, Purely American.

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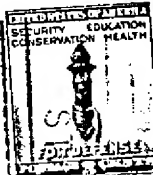
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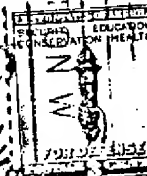
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Wake up America!

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'STORM AHEAD, DIG IN,' WARNS 'ALFALFA BILL'

Oklahoma City, Nov. 22 (AP).—William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray advises city dwellers to get three acres in the country and a storm cellar—there's inflation ahead "and that means dictatorship."

Thus spoke Oklahoma's former Governor as he turned his 72d year, still vigorous, still critical of the New Deal he has fought so long.

Murray, a Democrat, told an interviewer:

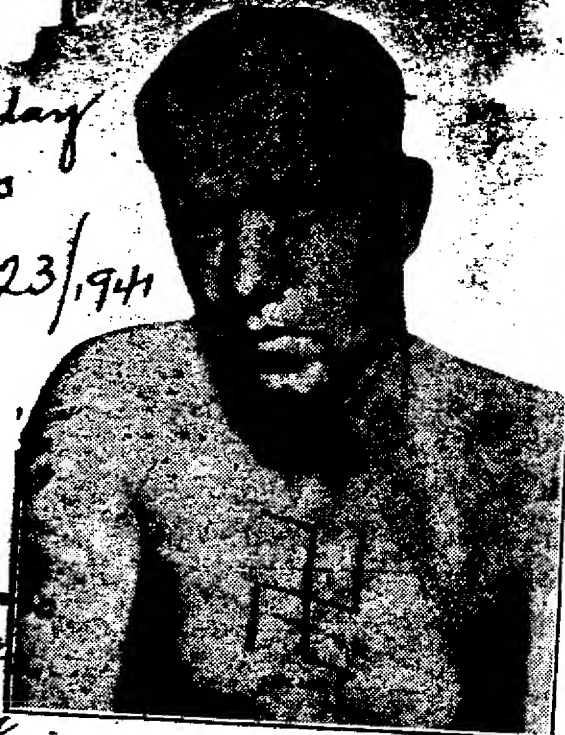
"Now, if I were a city dweller I'd get about three acres somewhere out in the country, away from a main highway. I'd have a cellar and I'd begin to can vegetables and fruit.

"I'd get all the specie I could. Paper money won't be worth anything."

"I'd put those canned vegetables in a hole in the ground, bury them, so I'd have something to eat when the trouble comes."

Down in the southeastern Oklahoma mountains, Murray has a farm on Yashau Creek, and when and if the storm gathers that's where he will be. He thinks he'll be using his cellar in four or five years.

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(By Associated Press)

MARKED. Picked up in Gulfport, Miss., and charged with violating the Selective Service Act, Odell Dowdy was found to have this device tattooed on his chest. Note that the swastika is reversed. Dowdy says he is a German citizen, though born in the U. S.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT S. ALLEN

(The authors of the columns in this space below are given the widest latitude. Their viewpoints do not necessarily always reflect those of the Sunday Mirror.)

WASHINGTON.—Averell Harriman's confidential report on Russian requests for aid was far different from British requests after Dunkirk. Russian orders seemed a mere dribble.

In the Lowlands debacle the British lost practically all their armored equipment and most of their field artillery. The Russians lost tremendous quantities of material, but from their relatively modest requests they must have a lot left.

One of the chief things they want is 75 and 105 mm. guns, which we can supply. Figures are a military secret, but these cannons are rolling off in quantity. The Russians asked for machine guns, which also we can furnish in large numbers, since production is high.

One big, pleasant surprise to Harriman was that the Russians do not need machine tools, at least now. The U. S. and Britain have few tools to spare.

NOTE: U. S. experts consider lack of coordination between the three Russian armies one principal reason for the break-through against Moscow. Despite a shift of Russian generals, doubt remains about coordinating the armies under one command.

Wrong Orchid

COP House Floor Leader Joe Martin had difficulty understanding Argentine Deputies in their visit, but didn't need an interpreter to decipher one statement.

An Argentine legislator said: "You have a great country and a great President—ah. Also a great party. The Democrats have done wonders for the United States."

The Congressman had no idea he was talking to the Republican National Chairman. Martin, always the gentleman, nodded and appeared to agree. Later, Martin laughingly admitted: "It was the only thing I clearly understood in the entire talk."

Biggest U. S. Tank

THE giant new 60-ton U. S. tank is completed, but may never see service. This tank is so enormous that, like the gigantic B-19 bomber, it may be the latest white elephant of national defense.

Built in Eddystone, Pa., by Baldwin Locomotive Works, it is being sent to the Aberdeen, Md., Proving Grounds. Though less than 100 miles, the tank cannot make the run on its own power; highway bridges are not strong enough to hold it, so it has to be loaded on a special flat car.

Critics ask: "What good is a tank so big it can't get around?" It cost \$300,000 to build this sample armored behemoth.

Nazi Sabotage

THE man to watch in Europe next to Hitler—is a slick diplomat in Turkey, Franz von Papen. It is significant when Hitler sends Von Papen to a country. It means he has designs on that area.

Von Papen went to Austria as Ambassador to soften it for Nazi occupation. Von Papen, 26 years ago, tried the same thing here. Now, with weather cold in Russia and Hitler running low on oil, a Nazi squeeze on Turkey becomes almost inevitable. And, Von Papen has been working overtime there.

Von Papen's operations here indicate the lengths to which he may go in Turkey. In 1915 he was military attaché in

Washington when Count von Bernstorff returned from England with a satchel containing \$150,000,000 in German money. Von Papen, in Mexico City, hurried North and began organizing a network of spies.

Invasion via Canada

Selecting his agents carefully, he laid these plans:

1. To invade Canada through British Columbia with aid of German warships and German reservists. Von Bernstorff said no.

2. To blow up the Welland Canal. This likewise was abandoned, as the Canal was well guarded.

3. To blow up Canadian railroads and to prevent transportation of Japanese troops through Canada. (The Japs were Allies.)

4. To blow up the International Bridge at Vanceboro, Maine. This was accomplished.

Von Papen was so busy and unscrupulous, he over-reached himself and Wilson demanded his recall. When he reached home, he and Bernstorff were awarded decorations and promoted.

Von Papen became chancellor of Germany and finagled conspiracies which brought Hitler to power.

Wheeler's Pals

AS chairman of the Interstate Commerce committee, Senator Wheeler wields a cudgel over every radio station; also over the Federal Communications Commission, which regulates them. And he has not hesitated to use this power.

When a Philadelphia station allegedly refused to broadcast a Lindbergh speech, Wheeler let out a roar. But when three Montana stations, owned by several of his political henchmen, barred Walter Winchell and other commentators, Sen. Wheeler refused to lift a voice or a finger.

Now his Montana radio pals are laying groundwork for a super-powered station giving them dominance of Montana ether waves.

Front man of the plan is Ed Craney, general manager of Station KGIR, Butte, one of three that banned anti-isolationist commentators. Craney is a political intimate of Wheeler; also has as radio partner Wheeler's former secretary, Barclay Craighead. Craney applied to the FCC to increase KGIR's power from 5,000 to the maximum of 50,000 kw.

If that is granted, KGIR, for isolated Montana, would become one of our most powerful stations.

Craney and Craighead apparently are so confident they purchased new equipment. This came to light when some of the equipment, stored in a barn, was stolen, later recovered by the sheriff.

Defense Sparks

TO A British production expert who just completed a survey of U. S. defense plants, OFM boss William Knudsen said, "What impressed you least?" Results of Army's quiet shakeup: 15 generals bounced or shifted, more than 130 colonels slated for the axe. (Copyright, 1941, by United Feature Sys.)

This is a great help to Hitler C.

November 24, 1941

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TIME: 12:37 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM

At this time I called Mr. L. W. C. Smith and advised him that I had had word from New York that [REDACTED] would be unable to meet with us this afternoon, and that [REDACTED] would like to arrange to see us Wednesday afternoon. b7D

Mr. Smith stated he might be appearing before a hearing on the Foreign Agents Act at that time; but he would be in New York tomorrow and could see [REDACTED] anytime. b7D

I told Mr. Smith I would contact Mr. Foxworth to arrange this appointment, and that I would call him, Mr. Smith, later today.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM

At this time I called Mr. L. M. C. Smith and advised him that I had contacted [redacted] who indicated he would be glad to come to Washington for an appointment with Mr. Smith and myself at 10:00AM on Monday, November 24th. However, I told Mr. Smith that since he expected to be in New York on Tuesday it would probably be more convenient for everyone concerned if the appointment were made in New York for Tuesday. Mr. Smith said that an appointment before 10:00 AM or after 5:00 PM would be most agreeable to him. I told him I would try to arrange this appointment. b7D

TIME: 9:56 AM.

I called Mr. Foxworth at New York and asked him to try to make an appointment with [redacted] for Mr. Smith at the New York Office, the time to be about 9:00 or 9:15 AM, Tuesday. I told Mr. Foxworth I would like him to act as my representative; that if the Tuesday appointment was not convenient, we would stick to the Monday appointment. b7E

TIME: 10:57 AM.

Mr. Foxworth called to advise that [redacted] was out of his office and it was not known where he could be reached; that as soon as he would be contacted, an attempt to arrange the Tuesday appointment would be made. b7F

Mr. Tolson — TIME: 12:50 PM.

Mr. E. A. Tamm

Mr. Clegg — (219) Mr. Foxworth called again and advised that he had contacted [redacted] that he very much preferred to come to Washington and talk to me on Monday at 2:30PM. Mr. Foxworth said that [redacted] told him he felt that he just could not proceed until he had talked to me. I told Mr. Foxworth to confirm the appointment. b7G

Mr. Rosen — TIME: 12:53 PM.
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Drayton

Mr. Quinn Tamm — I called Mr. Smith and told him I had contacted [redacted] and found he could not be available on Tuesday; that he would be at my office at 2:30 PM on Monday and I would like Mr. Smith to be here at that time. Mr. Smith said this would be b7H

Miss Gandy

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entirely agreeable to him and he would be at my office at the appointed time.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Miss Gandy _____

v. 21st, 1941.

Hon. J. E. Hoover.
Dep't of Justice.
Washington. D. C.

My Dear Mr Hoover;-

As a loyal and devoted American Citizen, with the sole interest and welfare of our country at heart, I am writing in order to request an investigation of the "America Foist" Committee with Lindbergh as its head and the other affiliated officers of this Nazi Organization, of which we have Gen. Woods, J. F. Flynn etc. Whom is behind this un-American Organization? where does it derive its funds? who is preaching its damnable un-American principle of rabid anti-Semitism? racial and religious hatred and discrimination, thereby playing their Fuehrers(Hitler) theories of dividing our country and ruling from within.

Hitler and his Nazi stooges and Gauleiters here have boasted when they are ready they will take over our country without any bloodshed, and if necessary our streets will flow with blood if their will and demands are opposed, that he already has 10.000.000 S. S. men agents and quislings here who will do his bidding and if necessary he will build this army up to 25.000.000 of his 5th columnists, spies, underlings, treasonists, betrayers, and traitors. The actions of the Nyes, Lindberghs, Clarks, Johnsons, Wheelers, Woods, Flynn, Days, Danahers, Sheas, Van Nuys, Hoffmans, Vorys, Sweeneys, Fishes, Willis's, etc, are Hitler's answer. Here are the men doing Hitler's bidding.

Former Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, to Great Britain and John Cudahy, former Ambassador to Belgium, both devout adherents to the Pope, and its Irish Roman Catholicism, are creating great unrest here with their anti-British, pro-Nazi propaganda speeches and others Associations connected with the "America Foist" Committee and affiliated "Firstapo" Organizations. They are hampering our country at every turn, and creating ill will between Britishers and ourselves with their despicable anti-British propaganda and speeches, and sinister, ulterior, active subversivism, they belittle our own and Britain's efforts and gloats in the highest terms of Nazi efficiency and power and impossibility of losing the war, or being defeated.

It is such punks that kill and destroy the morale of our masses, the Army, Navy, Airforce and draftees, and our entire country, as well as placing doubts in the minds of the Latin American Republics. the most vociferous and venomous speaker of the "Firstapo" is another Foine Irishman, John T. Flynn, Chairman of the "America Firstapo" and John J. Tohaney, another of his ilk, director of the California division of the "America Be Damned" branch.

Cudahy, who as an ambassador is an A. I meat packer, demands that we knuckle down and cravenly humiliate ourselves by pacifying and appeasing Hitler and Japan and seek peace at any price, and suggests Fascist treacherous Vichy France, as an Ally with Britain and the U. S. to put this through. the same France which delightedly enjoyed being so inhumanly enslaved, and who is so extraordinarily happy at remaining so and is gratified to do its master's (Hitler's) bidding.

Meanwhile America's chief rat, the arch snake and copper head, the poisonous Cobra, within our midst, the Hitler Fuehrer standing

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by for orders when take over our country, at HITLER'S bidding. The great inflated Lindbergh refers to and calls our President a dictator as well as his reference to our Administration as resorting to subterfuge, lies, and distortion of the truth.

While the whites are being killed, slashed and robbed in Harlem and other parts of our City and country by negroes, who have run out beyond all control, with even our police afraid to enter these districts and unable to cope with the situation, this punk Lindbergh, speaking at "America Foist" rallies, is heavily guarded and protected by police who are there to protect and preserve his worthless life, and yet these police are unable to cope with the colored crime wave, here, yet with mobs of people inside of Madison Square Garden, and more than 12,000 overflow, listeners, crowded throughout the streets, tying up traffic, all anxious to hear this lousy traitor and betrayer of our country speak, he was supported by his fellow louses, Gerald F. Nye, Burton K. Wheeler, John J. Flynn, et al,

Lindbergh's speech was the most vitriolic and vicious we have ever heard, he called upon all the people to unite behind his demands, Cudahy managed to be there and throw his three cents worth of idioey in, J. T. Flynn, was as vicious as the American Fuehrer, Lindbergh, in his remarks and suggested the washed out washwoman, Herb. Hoover, be put "to work" on a plan for peace and feeding Europe so Hitler's army can obtain this food to give them sufficient stamina and carry on this murderous war until doomsday, Poor Hertie, hasn't he made any profits since he was last named food administrator to Belgium during the last war? why does this old sow continue to poke his unwanted mug into the internal and integral affairs of our country? he is a has-been, and the masses are sick of him, We still remember President Depression Hoover, we have been unable to get out of it since.

Why hasn't our government made an investigation of the sinister activities behind Lindbergh, Flynn, Kennedy, Cudahy, Nye, Wheeler, the Clarks, Fish, Tot Johnsons, Day, Sweeney, Dahaher et al.? of their ilk, if appears as if the Irish have seized control of our country with the support of their Vatican and Roman Catholic Church, they are undermining our country and are intent on keeping us helpless and defenseless and easy pickings for the sadistic Hitler hordes of 5th column experts and vermin within our midst.

Wheeler, Lindbergh and Nye, ought to be in Germany and in German uniforms because they are winning more battles and victories for Germany than the Nazi Generals themselves, with Wheeler, Nye and Fish placing all the conquered countries on Germany's side.

Any one who read "Mein Kampf" must see that our destruction or subjugation at least, is on Hitler's time table, and John L. Lewis, the American defiler and dictator, having gained full control of our government and its institutions, so it would seem, has been continually tying up our defense program, with strikes and walkouts and threats of further violence in every State, City and town in our country, and his daughter, elephantine Katherine is an American Firststep, has been placed in a job paying \$7500 by her American Dictator father John, as his secretary, another son-in-law also has been placed at the same salary and his brother Denny the gangster and thug has been placed as head of one of the Unions at \$10,000 annually, With John L.'s salary of \$25,000 as President the family is drawing down almost \$50,000 or more of the Unions funds of which the members are taxed and charged initiation fees, and other charges to support this damnable racket, God knows what other monies and funds this man and his family, relatives and inlaws have been drawing down and hiding. he is exploiting the great mass of members of his union to threaten and force his

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will on the government and people, and we are wondering when he is going to unionize our Army, Navy and Airforce, and the Craftes Union. It is no joke to see these vicious isolationist, obstructionist, oppositionist, and Hitler stooges sitting in our House of Representatives yelling their heads off that Lewis is seriously hampering and hurting our defense, since when have these treasonable vermin become interested in our defense? they have continually aided and abetted the obstructionists in throwing monkey wrenches into the safety of America.

Who were the delegation of 250 or more women representing "America Foist" from Brooklyn, Queens, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut who took a special train to Washington to deliver 12 letters protesting the Administration foreign policy, one to our President, one for Chairman Tom. Connolly of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and one each for New Yorks two Senators and Brooklyn 8 representatives, they were profusely welcome by Hitler's most loyal stooge and adherant, the Great Nye, but luckily only found two of the representatives with this delegation, on leaving it yelled it had been highbatted and that Senator Nye, the Great American Fuehrer, was the only understanding gentleman. We know of the mass of Nazi's populating New Jersey, and Queens and parts of New York and Brooklyn, who were these women? those hundreds picketing the White House against our Administration's policies? in conjunction with this mass delegation, were they the wives, sisters, daughters, Nieces, aunts, mothers, in-laws, stepdaughters and half sisters, and sweethearts and girl friends, grandmothers, and other relatives of the Fascist-Bundist "American Foisters" or "Lasters" coughlinites, Pelleyites, Fronters, Mobolizers, Solver Shirts, jew-baiters, and our own Senatorial and Congressional isolationists, appeasers, obstructionists, and oppositionists? the pro-Nazi-Fascist, anti-British, anti-Semitic, un-American misrepresentatives? or were they the Irish Roman Catholic rabble backed by the Church to create disturbances and hamper our defense program because Mussolini has been winning so many colossal victories, at the hands of his most indomitable, intrepid, indefatigable, gallant and heroic tin soldiers and the great part his paper mache fleet has played in the Mediterranean, with the destruction of the British fleet and Empire and the return of Mare Nostrum to the great Roman Empire.

What really lies behind the activities of the Dies Committee? and its new charges? what are they worth? of what further use is the Dies Committee? it has constantly picked only on Communism, yet has continually protected the Nazi-Fascist group in our Country, and appears to be a concentrated effort by Dies himself to embarrass the Administration. One Jay T. Tiffany, of the "America Last" Committee boasts that it has a membership of 15,000,000, I am one who would very much like to know why such assertions are sent to press and published therein, many articles of late have been signed Jay T. Tiffany, it is so obviously a rotten piece of 5th column propaganda, titled "Obsession Defended as typical for most Christians" it is this sort of damnable lie the Nazi's have made as part of their technique, "The bigger the lie, the more easily people will swallow it". First there are no 15,000,000 members of the "America First" Committee, if there were? how would this Jay F. Tiffany know whether any of them were Jews or not? did this punk meet them all? the fact remains that there were many Jews in the Organization like Rosenwald etc, until this despicable arch traitor and betrayer of our country, Lindbergh, and other officials by their vicious hatred and anti-Semitic platforms forced them out, this Tiffany forgets, too, when Herr Lindbergh's son was murdered by Herr Hauptmann, he aroused the whole country to fever pitch to get the murderer and execute him, but when other people are being cold-bloodedly butchered and slaughtered and maimed as well as their children, mothers, sisters, fathers etc, we are supposed to do nothing about it, especially when the perils close nearer our own shores each day, all because the Gauleiter Himmler plans on being a big shot and Hitler's first American Fuehrer, who in hell gave this ignorant dumb headed Swede the authority to dictate policies in our Country?

This overrated gang angling out with absolutely no military experience, was this Hitler stooge voted in by the people? or is he just forcing himself in like the common low life sadistic dictator he is imitating?

Senator Josh Lee of Okla, hit the nail squarely on the head when he called Wheeler a quisling, no truer word was ever said, glory be to Lee.

We are still at some loss to understand accurately why and what are the motivating human factors behind the vicious isolationist sentiment which is creating so much discord, discontent and disunity in the United States, what percentage of these phonies is patriotically sincere? what great proportion of this is hired by the enemy? and the Axis collaborators? what great percentage is so sympathetically inclined to all Nazi-Fascist movements? How much of it is anti-British? anti-Semitic? anti-Roosevelt? un-American and political minded by ambition etc? what is behind this isolationist, oppositionist, obstructionist setup behind this one opaque lineup? Hitler is your answer.

This punk Lindbergh has always held himself in such inflated and high aloftness from his fellow countrymen that it is surprising that he has gained such a sudden knowledge of what American Jews are doing and have done. His vast military knowledge of world wide affairs, of which he boasts, since when has he become such a famous general and authority on military and naval movements?

He and his "America Foist" Committee has refused information about its source of funds, or the size of contributions, and I hope that the recent special Congressional election will cause the Wisconsin branch and others of this famous phony Nazi Committee to open its books, and State Attorney Gen. J. E. Martin has announced his intentions to order an official report on expenditures in this suspicious and peculiar contest. The "America Lasters" took an active part in the campaign for Lawrence H. Smith, the successful Republican, who ran as an isolationist, and Wisconsin law requires an organization participating in campaigns to file detailed expense accounts. I am hoping they will be able to smoke out these America Firstapo rats,

Lindbergh and his "Firsters" introduced a technique of terror against the Jews into his vicious and damnable anti-Semitic speech in Des Moines, Iowa, a speech of this threat of terror held over the heads of the Jews implies a threat of wholesale murder, Will our Government let this maniacal inflated punk get away with it? the lone eagle has turned into a little cuckoo, taking orders from the Satanic black eagle of Germany. he has become a green feathered parrot, imitating his masters voice. another of this ilk, Gen. Robert E. Wood of Chicago, is a disgrace to our army and uniform and as Chairman of the Firsters Committee, he accuses Pres. Roosevelt of urging us into war who has purposely sent American ships into war zones where incidents are inevitable, and who will radio messages to our people to whip up fears and hatreds to urge them still closer to war. How can there be unity when propaganda makers of the Lindbergh, Wheeler, Nye, Clarks etc ilk point a finger of hatred and suspicion at 5,000,000 loyal, law abiding American Jews? The America Foisters, have certainly overstepped their bounds when they pass out un-American literature to our own American soldiers, and military forces destroying the morale of our draftees and creating uncertainty as to why they were called, and a good slogan for our country would be "Nip Nye, Wheeler and Lindy now" it would be a fitting tribute to these budding Fascists

How can our country expect the morale of our Army, Navy and Airforce to be high and strong units of our government when we have our own Senators investigating anti-Nazi propaganda in our country, when our struggle is against

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Hitler's ideology and all it stands for, On what basis does our Government expect our South American Republic neighbors to stamp out Nazism and Fascism in their countries when many of our own so called Senators and Congressmen ally with other influential elements in high offices, in our Gov't, are waging Hitler's own propaganda war?

Louis Taber, a prominent member of the America First Committee has threatened to resign as he claims he made a sad mistake by becoming a member. He disagrees fully with this organizations stand against Britain and critical of the Committees failure to repudiate Lindberghs venomous anti-Semitism and racial policy.

Dr. W. H. Feldman of the Mayo Foundation, Rochester, Minn, recently wrote Hitler's stooge, Senator Nye, asking by what authority he had to mail out vicious Nazi propaganda at taxpayers expense. the loyal Hitler stooge, replied "he could obtain this information from the Post Office Department. The Taxpayers are not aware that they are being tapped for for \$6000 to Frank out a speech of ex-Pres. Herb. Hoover, the has-been, urging shipments of food to Nazi occupied Europe, Herb. evidently feels that the Nazi's will not have enough food to carry them through the war and as a great humanitarian as far as his pocketbook is concerned, he insists that they be fed so that they can gain their much needed victory over the democracies, Hoover's generous franking benefactor- at taxpayers expense-is Nebraska's rookie isolationist, Sen. Hugh a Butler, On Oct. 20th, this Butler inserted Hoovers radio address in the Congressional Record, which opened the way for large quantity reprints by the Government Printing Office, -at cost-and as was to be expected, a few days later, this rookie of Hitler's ordered 300,000 copies. The charge was some \$900. which rookie Butler paid in advance,, and when asked whether he or humanitarian Herb Hoover put up the money, Butler stated he paid for this out of his own pocket.

According to one Printing Office official, Butler paid the \$900 in currency which is a most unusual procedure, since members of Congress customarily pay receipt receipt of bills by check, after receipt of bill. Another official later stated that Butler paid "either by cash or check".

The 300,000 reprints have been mailed out all over the country by the Senate Folding Room, at a cost estimated by the Post Office of \$5,640 to taxpayers, but they will also fork over \$417 for the franked envelopes, furnish the emancipator, Hoover, via rookie Butler, free, will these stooges of Hitler be permitted to get away with this?

Senator Nye, Hitler's best bet here, enjoys nothing more than inserting in the Congressional Record, anything that is written about his enemies..And so, here is the Governments opportunity to rub his nose into his own dung. The Bismarck Capital, a newspaper published in the North Dakota capital, on Sep 30th, 1941, front-paged the following;- "The lecture fee Senator Gerald P. Nye, received for addressing the annual dinner of the Hitler Steuben Society at the Biltmore Hotel, N. Y. is not the first money mercenary Nye has received from this great Nazi Organization, IT also contributed to his campaign for re-election in 1938. Donations came from branches outside-North Dakota--They came from Detroit, Hempstead, N. Y. and Union City, N. J. well known Nazi strongholds, The Steuben Society was sufficiently interested in Nye's reelection and political career to assist him financially even before the war started". Federal Grand Jury investigating the use of Nazi funds, will please heed.

Very truly yours,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TANK

I called the Attorney General in response to his earlier request. He advised me that [REDACTED] because they were afraid that there might be an action for libel. Mr. Biddle pointed out that [REDACTED] formerly connected with [REDACTED] According to the Attorney General, [REDACTED] is working with the [REDACTED] and his home telephone number is [REDACTED] b7c b7D

Mr. Biddle advised me that [REDACTED] told him that there is very little evidence of any money in the matter but that there is a good deal of evidence of interlocking management which might be the basis of registering under the Registration Act. Mr. Biddle suggested to [REDACTED] that it might be advisable for someone in the Department to talk to [REDACTED] Mr. Biddle advised me that he personally knows [REDACTED] and that he is a very decent person. b7c b7D

The Attorney General requested that Mr. L. W. Smith of the Department and I make arrangements to see [REDACTED] Mr. Biddle asked me to call [REDACTED] to see if he would be willing to come to Washington for an interview. Mr. Biddle also asked that I contact Mr. Smith and advise him of the situation. I told him that I would call both of them immediately. b7D

2. Tolson
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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TARN

At the request of the Attorney General, I called Mr. L. M. C. Smith of the Department. I advised him that the Attorney General was very interested in the America First matter and that as a consequence the Attorney General earlier today asked me to contact [redacted] to determine what information they have [redacted] relative to the America First Committee. I told Mr. Smith that this action was initiated and in the meantime the Attorney General discovered that [redacted] was [redacted]. I further advised Mr. Smith that the Attorney General requested that I contact [redacted] to ask him if he would be willing to come to Washington to discuss the matter with Smith and myself.

I also informed Mr. Smith that [redacted] of the America First Committee and contains information as to their financial resources. I advised him the Attorney General has received a request from the President suggesting a Grand Jury proceeding into their activities to determine where they are obtaining their money.

I told Mr. Smith that I would advise him of the results of my conversation with [redacted] as to whether or not he is willing to come to Washington to be interviewed. In this connection, Mr. Smith pointed out that he will be in New York on Tuesday of the coming week and in the event [redacted] is reluctant to come to Washington he will be very glad to interview [redacted] at that time if I would designate one of the FBI men in New York to represent me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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November 22, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In compliance with your instruction for me to
arrange for an interview with [redacted] who
is reported to be [redacted]
[redacted] of the America First Committee, I have arranged
for [redacted] to meet with Mr. L. M. C. Smith and
me at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, November 24th, at my office.
I will of course report to you promptly the result of
the interview with [redacted]

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Respectfully

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

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November 7, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. R. P. *RE*

Re: *0* AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

article
Information has been received from an unknown source dated October 14, 1941, that a large number of new recruits to the National Committee had been secured and that a great many other groups are doing everything they possibly can to support the activities of America First. These groups are listed as follows:

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Christian Front
Christian Mobilizers
American Destiny Party
Paul Revere's Sentinels
A.V.I.F.
German-American Bund
Women Determined
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National Workers League, Detroit, Michigan
Ku Klux Klan
Committee of One Million
G. Allison Phelps Group, Los Angeles, California
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Pelly's Silver Shirts

Information was also received from the same source that a new women's organization, namely, Women Determined, is nothing more than a subsidiary of the America First Committee, although they have denied any affiliation. Mrs. Rose DeLuca, who is one of the America First leaders is also the leader of Women Determined.

Respectfully

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

On the above date [redacted] called to furnish the following information which he said was dated November 1st but had just come to his attention.

[redacted] and General Wood of the America First Committee attended a meeting yesterday (November 4th) at an unknown Naval Officer's home at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and left immediately for Washington, D. C., where they are to contact a [redacted] of C.P.M. some time today, November 5, 1941."

Respectfully,

G. C. Burton
G. C. Burton

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WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
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Subject: Letter of Transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for
your information and such action as you consider advise-
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Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
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MID 201. America First Committee
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November 25, 1941
(Date)

Subject: America First Committee

Summary of Information:

It was reliably reported to the Commanding Officer of Lowry Field, Denver, Colorado, that subject headquarters was distributing literature and buttons to soldiers of that command.

Neither literature nor buttons have as yet been noticed on the reservation and copies are not yet available.

Subject headquarters are declared off limits October 28, 1941 per memorandum headquarters Lowry Field.

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January 8, 1942

Special Agent in Charge
New Haven, Connecticut

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Re: [REDACTED]

INTERNAL SECURITY - G

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Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith
copies of an anonymous communication dated November 15, 1941
received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked November 23, 1941
at Waterbury, Connecticut.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Waterbury Conn.

Nov. 15. 1941

ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION
ENVELOPE ATTACHED

Gentlemen.

This man John Festa
that poses himself as
president, for America first.
I can assure you that he
is, and has been for Ameri-
ca last.

But for Mussolino and Hitler
first. He has been a black
fascist and nazist since
the days of their birth.
Whatever is done, laws or
acts, in this nation, is
criticized by this man.
Nothing satisfies him, but
murders Mussolino and
Hitler.

This man John Festa
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The first of these is the fact that the
 Government has been unable to secure
 the necessary funds to carry out its
 policy of non-interference in the
 internal affairs of the country.

I am glad that you are
 well and hope that you
 are happy. I am very
 glad to hear from you.

The first thing I did was to
 go to the bank and
 get some money out of
 the machine. I then
 went to the store and
 bought some food. I
 then went to the
 post office and
 sent a letter to
 my mother. I then
 went to the
 school and
 saw the teacher.

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 policy. The third is the fact that the
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 the necessary funds to carry out its
 policy.

I know how very different
I know the world has become
to me since London. I know
that the time when the world
was different, and I know
that I am a
different man. I know that
I am not the same man
I was before. I know that
I am not the same man
I was before. I know that
I am not the same man
I was before.

Country America:
I believe that 95% of the
America first committee
are all ~~to~~ Nazis and
Fascists. They all should
be investigated

Hurry and save
our Country America
before is to late

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OFFICE, WASHINGTON

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(Station)

October 29, 1941

(Date)

Subject: **America First Committee**

Summary of Information:

1. The America First Committee is sending to its various branch chapters a confidential memorandum on "The Coming Elections". The memorandum advises that Committee members must maintain the fiction that the organization is a non-political body:

a. "Any position taken by the America First Committee in partisan politics would only weaken our cause, not strengthen it. . . . While no citizen can fail to be interested in the mayoralty election going on in New York at the present time, we must be sure that no support of any candidate be interpreted as America First activity."

2. The following instructions remove the mask from the "non-political" work of the Committee, aimed at strengthening the appeasement forces:

a. "In the important elections of this autumn and year, every America First member should take pains to inform himself about various candidates' position on foreign policy and be prepared as and the voter to cast his vote for those non-interventionist candidates who avowed other respects qualified for the offices they seek."

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November 4, 1941

Subject: America First Mass Meeting

Summary of Information:

1. About two hundred persons attended a mass meeting held under the auspices of the America First Committee at the Central Auditorium, 225 W. Beardman Street, Youngstown, Ohio, Wednesday, October 22.
2. The meeting was called to order by chairman and local organizer of the America First Committee, namely Frank P. Sheridan, 257 W. Jackson Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, owner of the Sheridan Electric and Engineering Company, a small company of no community standing. Sheridan made a few remarks and then introduced the first speaker named Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Cleveland, Ohio, who spoke for about thirty to forty minutes during which time he attacked the foreign policy of the United States Government, condemned aid to Russia and lauded Lindbergh and Wheeler, etc.
3. The next speaker introduced by the chairman was a preacher named Garland A. Bricker, 12 E. Ravenswood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, who is known as a "lecturer". He stated that he is a cousin of Governor Bricker. He pranted about his "Americanism" and stated that both President Roosevelt and Wendell Wilkie had "betrayed" the American people. After speaking for twenty minutes he made the collection appeal and four young persons from the Cleveland, Ohio branch of the America First Committee took up the collection.
4. Following this the principal speaker of the evening, Reverend Walter E. Klein, West End Evangelical Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was introduced by the chairman who stated that Klein is a veteran of the World War and is post department chaplain of the American Legion of Ohio. Klein condemned "godless communistic Russia", condemned the meeting of President Roosevelt and Churchill, stated that both Roosevelt and Wilkie betrayed the people after promising they would keep the country out of war. Referred to Wilkie as a "corporation flunkie, faker, etc.". Klein belittled the ability of any foreign aggressor from Europe to cross the Atlantic Ocean and attack the United States . . . called it "bunk". He condemned the lend-lease policy. The speaker ridiculed the idea that a small nation like Germany could invade the United States. He appealed to his listeners to speak out against any effort on the part of the United States to take part in the European war, to oppose sending troops. He stated that the war would cost three hundred billions of dollars.

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5. The Chairman stated that the local committee would hold a meeting at the Townsend Hall, W. National Avenue, October 29, at 8:00 p.m. to organize its local work. Application cards were passed out soliciting members. About twenty of these cards, filled out, were returned to the Chairman. It was also announced that Congressman Hill would address a mass meeting in Warren, Ohio, at the Harding High School, Sunday, October 26, at 2:30 p.m. under the auspices of the Warren Committee.

6. The literature counter located at the entrance was in charge of a committee of women from the Cleveland Committee of the America First Organization. They passed out copies of the recent Lindberg speech and an address by former President Hoover. "America First" buttons were passed out.

7. All present were urged to wire or write to their Senator or Congressman demanding that he oppose any changes in the neutrality act.

8. No questions were asked at the close of the meeting as the meeting adjourned very suddenly. No American flag was displayed anywhere in the hall. There was no singing of the national anthem. A Reverend Kirkpatrick from Warren, Ohio said the opening and closing prayer. The makeup of this meeting was pro-Nazi with the few exceptions of women - mothers who had sons in the service or called for service. Reverend Ludwig Fritsch, Monterus Lutheran Church, well known local Nazi, was checked "slipping" into the meeting. He was seen placing a five dollar bill in the contribution basket located on the literature desk. Fritsch went over to the east side of the hall. It was noted that a group of pro-Nazi German war veterans were in the front row. John Murphy, a local Coughlin agitator, was in the audience wearing a committee badge.

9. As stated, over half of the audience were from out of town, mostly Warren, Salem and Cleveland. The meeting was staged on the first floor of the auditorium in the small meeting hall which has a capacity of four hundred seats. About half of the seats were used. There is no question that the Nazis from Cleveland combined with the Coughlin groups are directing this agitation. It was stated by Bricker that Henry Ford is going to take over the America First movement and finance it. There was loud applause when President Roosevelt and Wilkie were assailed by Klein and Bricker. If the out of town elements had not attended the meeting, it would have been a "Klop". Several of the women stated that the local people "were afraid to attend the meeting".

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November 24, 1941

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TIME: 4:04 PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. TAMM

At this time Mr. Foxworth called me to state that [REDACTED] would be glad to see him and Mr. L. M. C. Smith in New York anytime tomorrow afternoon. b7D

Mr. Foxworth stated that [REDACTED] was a little reluctant to see Mr. Smith because he feels the only two people who can help him are the Attorney General and myself. I told Mr. Foxworth to tell [REDACTED] after he talks to Mr. Smith that if he, [REDACTED] still wishes to see me I will be glad to arrange an appointment for him the next time he comes to Washington. b7D

4:07 pm

I called Mr. L. M. C. Smith and he stated he would be glad to see [REDACTED] tomorrow afternoon at 5:00 PM. I told Mr. Smith that both [REDACTED] and Mr. Foxworth would be at the FBI Office at that time. b7D

4:10 pm

I called Mr. Foxworth and advised him of my conversation with Mr. Smith. Mr. Foxworth said he would arrange everything.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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A mass meeting was held under the auspices of Subject Organization at the Central Auditorium, 225 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, Ohio, on Wednesday, October 22, 1941. The meeting was attended mostly by persons from Warren, Salem and Cleveland, Ohio of pro-German sympathies. There were several speakers on the program who attacked the foreign policy of the United States Government, condemned aid to Russia and the lease-land policy, and stated that Roosevelt had betrayed the people. Among the speakers were Arthur GOETZ, Cleveland, Ohio; Frank P. SHERIDAN, 457 West Judson Avenue,

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Washington, D. C.
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Time: 11:25 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR ~~THE DIRECTOR~~

Mr. Ladd

In a telephonic conversation with SAC Foxworth I advised him that the President has sent a memorandum to the Attorney General suggesting that a Grand Jury inquiry be made of the America First Committee

I told Foxworth that we are preparing a summary of what we have in our files on the America First Committee and are bringing up to date the summary.

I informed Foxworth that the Attorney General says the [REDACTED] *b2D*
America First has been receiving money from Germany to finance its activities. I told Foxworth that you wanted him to get some appropriate contact and see if we can verify this statement as soon as possible. ~~I told Foxworth to start this investigation immediately.~~

Respectfully,

EAT

Edward A. Tamm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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November 21, 1941

Time: 3:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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In connection with the inquiry which is to be made at the Harper Publishing Company relative to the statement in a book being published by them that the America First Committee has been receiving money from Germany to finance its activities, Mr. Foxworth advised that Mr. Canfield, the President of Harper's, is out of the city until Monday and he inquired if it would be all right to wait until that time to make the necessary inquiry since more information could undoubtedly be obtained from the President of the organization than anyone else. I told him this would be satisfactory and that he should endeavor to obtain an appointment as early Monday morning as possible. (S-1)

Respectfully,

EAT
Edward A. Tamm

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
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the Director told him not
to conduct the interview being
conducted by R. P. K.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

December 1, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: AMERICAN FIRST COMMITTEE

There are enclosed herewith photographic copies of AMERICAN FIRST COMMITTEE pamphlets, which were furnished this office by the office of Military Intelligence, Governor's Island, New York, under date of November 17, 1941.

These copies are being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

Very truly yours,

P E Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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MR. EARL JEFFREY
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE 141 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE MOST POWERFUL SINGLE FACTOR THAT UP TO THIS TIME HAS STOPPED THE RUSH TOWARD WAR IS THE CONSTANTLY EXPRESSED DETERMINATION OF THE PEOPLE NOT OUR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION. NOW OF ALL TIMES IT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS HEAR FROM THE PEOPLE THEY REPRESENT. THE PRO-WAR PRESSURES IN WASHINGTON ARE GREAT. FREQUENT WORD FROM THE PEOPLE TO THE MEN WHO ARE OPPOSING THE WAR DRIVE STRENGTHENS THEIR HANDS AND HEARTS IMMENSURABLY.

D. WORTH CLARK

October 23, 1941

Dear Mr. Jeffrey:

Had it not been for the letters and postal cards written to the members of Congress we would have been in war a year ago. Even if Congressmen do not read their letters, they weigh them and realize that the writers of those letters are the voters of tomorrow. There is nothing more important in this fight today than to keep the letters going in to Washington at ever increasing speed.

Richard A. Holt
Richard A. Holt

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

October 23, 1941.

Mr. Earl C. Jeffrey,
National Director of Field Operations,
America First Committee,
141 West Jackson Boulevard.

III.

Office Detail: You should maintain in the office a constantly growing file of members of the 'phone brigade. We suggest that you put each General's name on a 3x5 salmon colored filing card. It would be well to place each Colonel's name on a blue filing card, and each Captain's on a light green filing card and each Lieutenant's name on a white filing card. Thus, you will have a card for each person on your 'phone brigade. The card should have the full name and address, the 'phone number, and the name of his or her immediate superior. That is, if a Lieutenant; notation should be made that her immediate superior officer is Captain _____.

File the ten white cards immediately back of the light green card giving the Captain's name, then file ten sets of these cards, one for each Captain, back of the Colonel who is responsible for them, and file the ten Colonels with their accompanying Captains and Lieutenants back of the General responsible for them. In this way you will have your complete organization at your fingertips.

Every message we receive from the men on Capitol Hill emphasizes one thing—Congress needs more and more mail. These men think our rallies are swell, they like our pamphlets and they admire the work that all the members in our chapters are doing, but the whole point of our program in the past year has been to build an organization which can produce one million, five million or ten million letters at this strategic time. That moment has arrived.

Richard A. Moore
Richard A. Moore
National Director
Public Relations
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

I know nothing save your writing has kept us out of war these past few months—your letter writing obviously infuriates the war party. Don't please them by letting up. If you think letter writing is tiresome stop—and in ten years see how many it was compared to driving the Germans out of Europe, the Japs out of Asia and then forcing what was left to adopt the four freedoms!

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National Director
of Organization
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

I am with America First because I took the time to read the mail of several Senators and Congressmen at the time of the Lend-Lease battle. I know how they, our fighters, depend on you; how our opposition fears you; how for a whole year you have, by your pens, so far, kept us out of war. Put the plan into action and we may yet win. We must.

Earl C. Jeffrey
Earl C. Jeffrey

Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Jeffery:

I have your letter of October 21, 1914.

I believe that it is well worth the time and effort of American citizens to write to their beliefs on public issues to writers, editors, and Congressmen. It may or may not influence in their opinion, but inevitably their attitude on the whole issue is shaped, at least, by the knowledge of the views of their constituents. It is worth writing even to those whose minds are made up against the views presented, because letters may at least abate the energy of their position.

Sincerely yours,

Robert H. Zipp

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE

October 21, 1914.

Mr. Earl C. Jeffery,
National Director,
Rural Operations, America First Committee
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Jeff:

I hope that the correspondence campaign about to be launched by the America First Committee against war, will prove most successful.

In my opinion, it is most important that the American people exercise their constitutional right of petition to keep this Nation at peace, and out of the foreign war. The American people who are opposed to America's entry into a disastrous foreign war, should write their Congressmen, and their Senators immediately, and demand that they vote against repeal of the Neutrality Act, and against everything that will lead this Nation into war.

With my very kindest regards, I am,

Bkk:m

Sincerely yours,

Charles A. Lindeergh

In this great American debate, the real battle is not between the two sides, but between the two sides. It is important, therefore, to observe that at different periods, as the constituent released and that side was slackened, the war moves grow proportionately better and the opposition less certain. When the mail flowed in, the votes against war measures were always in heartening volume. Specifically, on a recent issue, we were informed of five Congressmen who had "wavered" and were planning to vote in favor of a war measure. Chapters in their districts were advised to "take to the mails". Four of the five voted against the measure.

H. J. Schmitte
Assistant National
Director of Organization
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

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I BELIEVE THE PROJECTED AMERICA FIRST MAIL CAMPAIGN IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE STOP CONGRESS IS THE LAST STRONGHOLD OF OUR TRADITIONAL AMERICAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT. STOP IT IS THE PLACE WHERE OPPOSITION TO INTERVENTION CAN MAKE ITSELF FELT MOST EFFECTIVELY STOP UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTIONS WE MUST RELY PRIMARILY ON LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS TO INFORM OUR CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS OF OUR OPPOSITION TO WAR STOP THESE COMMUNICATIONS HAVE GREAT EFFECT IN WASHINGTON FOR THEY REPRESENT A VOTE WHICH MANY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO FACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE=

CHARLES A LINDEERGH.

National Director
Field Operations
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

More people will attend America First Rallies during November than in any previous month. All meetings should pass a resolution to Congress, but if Congress is to know how you stand, every meeting should please everyone present to write individually. One letter from you to your Congressman or Senator may be more important in his eyes than a rally attended by five thousand. Think of that, and write.

William S. Foulis
William S. Foulis
National Chairman
Speakers' Bureau
FIRST COMMITTEE

You can't underestimate the power of the pen. The Pen of the Evangelists destroyed the mighty Roman Empire and built on its ashes the Voltaire consolidated a vast French Empire; the Pen of Rousseau began the volcanic eruptions of the French Revolution; the Pen of Luther split Christianity almost in half; the Pen of Aquinas and Descartes and Berkeley built ponderous edifices of thought; the Pen of Dumas and Hugo and Oscar Wilde and Margaret Mitchell made a million people sad; the Pen of William Shakespeare and Dr. Johnson and P. G. Wodehouse made them happy again; the Pen of the war agitators is writing us into this foreign conflict; this same Pen can save our liberties, our democracy, our Constitution, our Neutrality Law - if we, the American people, use its power.

James L. Dillon
James L. Dillon
National Chairman
College for
America First

REMEMBER~
GENERALWOOD
REQUESTS YOU
TO WRITE
PLEDGING
YOUR
COOPERATION
IMMEDIATELY

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II.

It is essential you utilize immediately the membership you have to do the work above described. This paragraph deals with methods of increasing your personnel.

(a) Mail out to every name you have or can secure of friendly persons the following postcard to be returned to you. This card should be enclosed in an envelope with a letter (Appended A).

MY FULL SHARE

'Because the only way to keep our country out of war is to let Congress know that a vast majority of Americans oppose our entrance into war:

☐ I shall get ten persons to write when they are requested to by me, and will send their names, addresses and telephone numbers immediately.

☐ I shall write personally when requested.

My full name is _____

My residence address is _____

My telephone is _____ I may be best reached at _____ o'clock.

(b) Form a telephone brigade. Have the members call as many persons (from their homes or offices) as they can asking them to become members of the Mail Brigade. In some cities every name in the 'phone book will be called. In others, members of the 'phone brigade will call members or personal friends. When you have secured a member of the mail brigade, mail the above card to him with a personal letter.

(c) Survey your membership lists and be sure to get as many outlying members (farms, villages, etc.) to serve as either Generals, Colonels, or Captains for their communities.

(d) Make--if you have the man-power--a house to house canvass for writers. This is a hard, arduous task, and less productive than the telephone solicitations.(b).

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America First Committee

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS • 141 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
TELEPHONE WABASH 8300

ROBERT E. WOOD, CHAIRMAN

Chicago, Illinois
October 25, 1941

To All Members of America First:

The Crisis is here. The next few days, or weeks at most, will decide whether we will be plunged into war or remain at peace.

All that you have done thus far will be of no avail unless every chapter puts the plan outlined herewith into immediate action.

Read this plan, understand it, write to us pledging your chapter to carry it out, and then do it—and war may yet pass us by.

Thank you for all that you have done, you must not fail our country now.

Yours truly,

Robert E. Wood
Robert E. Wood,
Chairman,
America First Committee

EMERGENCY BULLETIN #1

America First Committee

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS • 141 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

TELEPHONE WABASH 8986

R. DOUGLAS STUART, JR.
NATIONAL DIRECTOR

October 25, 1941

To All Members of America First:

President Roosevelt's proposal that American ships be sent into the submarine-infested war zones cannot be disguised as a step away from war. It will mean that American ships will be sunk, American lives lost and that the country will be led into war on a wave of hysteria just as it was in 1917. Once in the war, the British Generals have told us, we will have to send a huge new AEF.

From a calm survey of our resources, our membership, our means and all possible methods—and after consultation with the men who can stop this last step to war, we have decided that only one thing can keep Congress from repealing the Neutrality Act.

That one thing is briefly, yet fully, set forth herein. All other appeals we have made to you for help sink into nothingness compared to this appeal. The moment for which we have been preparing for one year has arrived. We are counting on you.

Sincerely,

R. Douglas Stuart, Jr.
R. Douglas Stuart, Jr.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN is to defeat the repeal of the Neutrality Act. We may defeat the repeal of the Neutrality Act and keep out of war by showing Congress that the great majority of the American People do not want to go to war.

We can do this only by a volume of mail directed to Congress which has never been approached in our history. Therefore, this plan is designed to get you and your chapter to do its fair share in writing to your elected servants in Washington. The Plan follows on pages 3, 4, and 5.

I.

Select from your membership the maximum number of workers whom you know you can depend on to work. Commission these workers as "Generals". Each General's assignment is to get ten "Colonels" who, in turn, will get ten "Captains" who, in turn, will get ten "Lieutenants". Of course, many of these workers should be new workers but use every name you have on file. No one, who is without a 'phone, should serve in any rank about that of "Lieutenant".

If for any reason ten of any rank of workers cannot be obtained, use the number you can secure.

Under this plan of action, you or the Mail Marshall appointed by you, should be able to 'phone each General, each General in turn, her ten Colonels, each Colonel her ten Captains, and each Captain her ten Lieutenants, all in one day's time.

If you have only two Generals you will have the following letter writers: Marshall-1, Generals-2, Colonels-20, Captains-200, Lieutenants-2,000, Total-2,123.

Bear in mind none of these letter writers are just to write letters. They are to follow instructions.

National Headquarters will decide when, to whom and, in general, what to write, and notify the state and chapter chairmen. The Mail Marshall will call the Colonels and say "Colonel, please call you Captains immediately. We want a letter to go today to Senator X about as follows--and give specifically the idea not the words of the desired letter.

The Mail Marshall will receive direct word on whom to write and about what either directly from the Chapter or State Chairman. The Mail Marshall shall call her Colonels the next day and determine how well her orders have been carried out and each Colonel shall check her Captains and in turn the Captain his Lieutenants.

Remember this is not a problem of writing every day, it is a problem of getting a specific number of letters to a specific person on a specific subject. It may be only one letter a month may be required. It may be much more fre-

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WAR DEPARTMENT
GENERAL STAFF
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, G-2
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Subject: Letter of transmittal.

To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation

The attached communications are forwarded for your
information and such as you consider advisable.

S. Sherman Miles

SHERMAN MILES,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
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October 28, 1941.

Subject: WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE AND THE
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE.

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2
War Department
Washington D. C.

1. From a confidential source, considered highly reliable, it has been learned that the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE is now preparing for its most serious effort to change public opinion from its present "war" attitude.

2. Inside sources available to informant believe that if this effort does not meet with a fair measure of success, GENERAL WOOD will attempt to dissolve the AMERICA FIRST movement, and, if this fails, he will sever his relations with this group.

3. It has been fairly well established, according to these same sources, that GENERAL WOOD is concerned over the fact that some of the local AMERICA FIRST committees have gotten a little out of control and that some have fallen into the hands of persons of questionable character.

4. It is reported that in case of an actual declaration of war, or of an undeclared involvement, that GENERAL WOOD will back up the Foreign Policy of the present Government.

5. Should this occur, it is expected by the WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE that numbers of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE members who refuse to change their attitude will join forces with the WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE, which does not intend to change its policy of opposition to war in the slightest.

6. This is transmitted for your information.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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/s/ F. J. Pearson
F. J. PEARSON,
Lt. Col., GSC
Executive Officer, G-2

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December 4, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

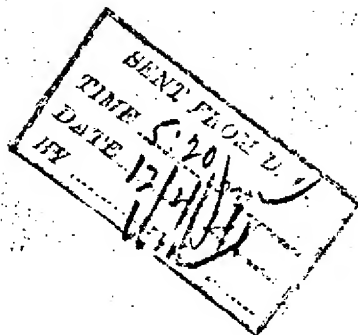
While talking to Mr. L. M. C. Smith in regard to another matter he stated that his man Crocker would be in New York City at 10 o'clock Monday morning in connection with [REDACTED] matter. I told him that we were ready to proceed just as soon as his man arrived.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.**

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November 25, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. R. P. ~~CRANE~~

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Information has been received from an unknown outside source dated October 21 and 23, 1941, at Youngstown, Ohio, that the America First Committee held a mass meeting at the Central Auditorium, 225 West Boardman Street, Youngstown, Ohio, on October 22, 1941. Reverend Walter K. Klein, Cleveland, Ohio, pastor of the West Side Evangelical Church, was the principal speaker.

It was estimated that approximately 200 persons attended this meeting and it was called to order by Frank P. Sheridan, 457 West Judson Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, owner of the Sheridan Electric and Engineering Company. Sheridan presided as Chairman during the entire meeting and introduced the first speaker, Arthur Goetz, Cleveland, Ohio. His speech dealt primarily with the content of the foreign policy of the United States Government, aid to Russia, and a commendation of Lindbergh and Wheeler.

The next speaker introduced was Garland A. Bricker, 12 East Ravenwood Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, who is described as "a broken-down preacher." His general line was that President Roosevelt and Willkie had betrayed the American people. He then made the collection appeal to the audience. At this time Reverend Walter K. Klein was introduced as a principal speaker and described as a veteran of the World War and past chaplain of the American Legion of Ohio. Klein condemned Godless Russia, President Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and others favorable to this country's foreign policy. He ridiculed the idea of an invasion of the Western Hemisphere, and made a plea to keep America out of war.

An announcement was made that a meeting was to be held on October 29, 1941, at Townsend Hall, Youngstown, Ohio, and on October 26, 1941, at the Harding High School, Warren, Ohio. Congressman Hill was to address the latter meeting. Literature in the form of Lindbergh's speeches, and America First Buttons, were distributed at this gathering. All those present were urged to wire or write

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Foxworth _____
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Memorandum for Mr. Kramer

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their Congressman demanding that he oppose any change in the Neutrality Act. The informant commented that no American flag was displayed anywhere in the hall and that the National Anthem was not sung. It was the opinion that the general makeup for the program was pro-Nazi with a few exceptions of women who were mothers having sons in the service at the present time.

 Our informant stated also that several pro-Nazi German war veterans were in attendance. A major portion of the audience was made up of persons from Cleveland, Warren, and Salem, Ohio.

No action is contemplated with reference to the above information.

Respectfully,

D. A. Flinn

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

November 22, 1941

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU
OF INVESTIGATION

Re: America First Committee

For your information, I am enclosing herewith a
photostatic copy of a report entitled "Subversive Activities
in America First Committee in California", which report
was sent in to us in connection with the administration of
the Voorhis Act.

Lawrence M. C. Smith
Lawrence M. C. Smith
Chief, Special Defense Unit

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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

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AMERICANISM COMMITTEE

17TH DISTRICT : THE AMERICAN LEGION : DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

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October 10, 1941

To: Commander Harold F. Bergan,
17th District, The American Legion,
Department of California.

This Committee has investigated the infiltration of subversive and un-American influences in the America First Committee in California. We present to you the following report which we trust will be of assistance in correcting the evils it calls attention to.

Respectfully submitted

Americanism Committee,
17th District, The American Legion,
Department of California.

Ben S. Beery, *Chairman*

Dec Holder	Wm. B. Johnston	Samuel H. Robinson
H. C. Heinritz	Henry Mayers	Russell W. Starr

I

Purpose and Procedure of Investigation

That the striking similarity between Nazi propaganda technique and America First methods of operation can be no mere coincidence has been repeatedly pointed out by observers in various sections of the United States.

Realization by California Legionnaires that the America First Committee of this state was permeated with Nazi agents and Nazi sympathizers, led to the passage of the following resolution at the 1941 Convention of the California American Legion at Sacramento:

"WHEREAS throughout California Nazi agents have insinuated themselves into the top circle of the America First Committee of California, contrary to the spirit and intent of its accredited leaders, and

"WHEREAS these elements threaten to misuse what is otherwise a sincere effort to express an honest point of view,

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That this convention of The American Legion petition General Robert E. Wood, National Chairman of America First, to conduct an investigation of all local committees in California, removing from office any person affiliated with a Nazi, Communist or Fascist organization."

Because this petition to General Robert E. Wood brought no noticeable change in the situation it called attention to, Commander Harold F. Bergan, 17th District, The American Legion, Department of California, in-

structed the Americanism Committee of the 17th District to make a thorough investigation and detailed report.

This report is not an attack or a reflection upon those sincere Americans who honestly believe in the isolationist theory. No comment is made in this report as to the merits or demerits of the recommendation by the America First Committee of isolation as the best United States defense. The America First Committee has an undoubted right, which no member of The American Legion or other loyal citizen of this country would seek to impair, to freely and openly present its isolationist contentions to the American people.

This report is presented for the purpose of preventing the misuse of sincere Americans by Nazis or other subversive persons operating through the America First Committee.

This committee is aware that some attempts have been made by America First to stifle the participation of subversive groups in its affairs. Months ago, Mr. John T. Flynn, a member of the America First National Committee, sent the following letter to the Free American and Deutscher Weckruf und

Beobachter, a German American Bund newspaper:

"May 2, 1941

Editor

Free American and Deutscher und Weckruf Beobachter
175 East 85th Street
New York City

Dear Sir:

"A copy of your newspaper has been mailed to me and my attention called to an article in which you ask your readers to join the America First Committee. Let me say to you that not only does the America First Committee not solicit their membership, but that they are not eligible for membership. The America First Committee is against America's entry into the war not because it approves of the philosophy, the government,

the aggression or the methods of Hitler's Germany, but because it wishes to protect this nation from involvement in Europe's wars. We do not want in our organization men who support the philosophy of Hitler's government because we do not believe them to be good Americans. The very first and one of the indispensable qualifications for membership in our organization, as stated in all our literature, is that it is not open to those who are members of the communist or fascist parties or the German bunds in this country or those representing any foreign power which desires to involve us in this war.

"May I suggest that you give this letter the same publicity in your newspaper as you gave to the article to which I referred.

Yours very truly,

JOHN T. FLYNN"

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MASS MEETING BOOS PRESIDENT

TO GET THE HAMMER



PASADENA MEMBERS OF 'AMERICA FIRST' CHEER AXES IDEAS

Cheers for Colonel Lindbergh, silence for Adolph Hitler, boos for President Roosevelt and Wendell Willkie.

Thus 250 members of the America First committee registered their reactions to these individuals at a meeting in the McKinley Junior High School auditorium addressed by Charles Cobb, acting chairman of the group, and Dr. Herbert Francis Dixon, of the faculty at U. C. L. A.

The audience boomed vigorously whenever the name of Churchill, Mrs. Roosevelt, Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, Senator Charles McNary and Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia of New York City were mentioned by the speakers.

Booing British Victory

Cobb told the audience that he does not believe a British victory either possible or desirable.

"Many of you know that Hitler," Cobb said, "is the only one who has the guts to stand up to the British and the United States."

Cobb said that the people of the United States had not been told the truth about Germany.

"We should campaign to reveal the real face of Hitler," he said. "The first step is to get the word out to the people."

Cobb then quoted portions of a New York Times editorial concerning Hitler, in which it was pointed out that declarations of friendship preceded most of Hitler's invasions.

Raising his hand to look at the audience and opening his mouth to speak, Cobb then asked "And who are the members of the New York Times?"

Cheers For Hitler

Cobb said that most Americans regard Hitler as a liar and criminal, and added "I can not here be outrageous or defend Hitler. He cannot be able to do that himself." The audience cheered.

Cobb went on to say that the Germans were forced to sign the treaty of Versailles at the "point of a gun."

"There still is such a thing as a nation," he said. "England and France are paying for their policy in blood, sweat and tears."

Save Public Property

He then mentioned the names of the President and several others who have expressed strong opposition to the Nazi line, and declared that the people of the United States had not been told the truth about Germany.

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The editor's reply, clearly indicating that the Bund intended to continue the "fight," was as follows:

"We print in full the above letter as per request of the writer thereof. We are American citizens of German origin, fighting only to be allowed the usual privilege of enjoying our rights as free men and women.

"Because it is not the fault of the 'America First Committee' that a false, slanderous, un-American stigma has been put on the German American Bund, we have no desire to see the 'America First Committee' suffer from the undeserved reflection cast on the Bund by the chosen minority, who denounce the America First Committee as a pro-Nazi agency with the same degree of injustice that the Bund has had to endure in the past.

"Nevertheless, we shall continue our fight against those who persecute American citizens of German stock in order to create a war fervor.

Editor."

Loyal Americans frequently have been concerned because of published reports that America First audiences boo and hiss the President of the United States and such outstanding Americans as Cordell Hull and Wendell Willkie, and at the same time show no condemnation of Hitler and Mussolini.

Apparently there have been some attempts to stop this regrettable practice in California. However, the sincerity of such attempts can be judged by the following announcement, made at a recent meeting of one of the California chapters of America First:

"Our enemies are misinterpreting statements made by our speakers. Therefore, we have rigged up a recording device so that we can protect ourselves against these liars . . . the recording machine is operating today, so will you please refrain from booing and hissing the names of our national leaders and show them the proper respect."

Other attempts are said to have been

made by John Wheeler, son of the Montana Senator and chairman of the America First Committee in Southern California, to eliminate subversive or un-American elements within the organization. That any efforts he made have been unavailing will be shown by this report.

The investigation upon which this report is based does not cover every community in California, or every subversive factor in the communities covered. There are many persons whose activities indicated they should be investigated, but because of lack of time they were disregarded in compiling this report. However, the activities of those individuals who are mentioned in this report were thoroughly investigated. Scores of persons were interviewed. A vast amount of photographic and documentary evidence was obtained. In addition, extensive study of the files of various California and United States courts was made.

A detailed presentation of all the material upon which this report is based would require a volume many times this size. The following pages present an exceedingly condensed summary of only a sufficient number of the activities investigated to support the conclusions of the committee.

As a basis for its investigations, the committee has sought to obtain the answers to the following four specific questions:

- a. What are typical channels of subversive propaganda in California?
- b. What individuals are identified with these subversive channels?
- c. To what extent are the same individuals identified with the America First Committee?

d. What effect have these individuals had on the America First Committee?

Each of the following sections of this report attempts to answer one of the foregoing questions.

DEFINITIONS

The Committee feels that certain words or terms used in this report should be clearly defined. The following definitions may be considered as applying to such words or terms, whenever used in this report:

1. *Un-American or subversive persons or organizations*: Persons or organizations whose activities tend to undermine our form of government, to foment racial or class hatreds or to otherwise weaken the defense morale of our people in accordance with the propaganda program of Nazi Germany.

2. *Bundist*: A person who is believed to have formerly been a member of the German-American Bund and who is now believed to be a member of, or in sympathy with, the policies of any other un-American or subversive organization.

3. *Racial or class hatreds*: Hatred, ill-will, suspicions or accusations leveled at entire races, religions or other minorities, such as Negroes, Jews, Catholics, Jehovah's Witnesses, British, Mexican and other foreign-language groups in the United States.

4. *America First*: Designates the America First Committee or one of its chapters. [Not to be confused with the "League to Save America First," frequently referred to in this report.]

II

What Are Typical Channels of Subversive Propaganda in California?

In identifying subversive channels in California—channels which later will be shown to flow directly into the America First Committee—consideration must be given to the fact that pro-Nazi individuals and groups no longer openly show their sympathies and their connections. Until 1940, Herman Max Schwinn, together with other members of Hitler's Bund, had no hesitancy in parading in Stormtrooper uniforms and in displaying the Swastika flag. Recently, however, a change occurred. Overnight the German-American Bund became very secretive. On orders of the "National Fuehrer," it destroyed its membership lists, correspondence and other records. Its members' activities in California must now be observed under various guises. These include:

DEUTSCHES HAUS MAENNERCHOR: In Los Angeles, the former German-American Bund continues to gather at the Deutsches Haus, 634 W. 15th Street. But its members now go under the name of the Deutsches Haus Maennerchor—which means "German House Male Choir." However, change of name brought no change in the members' aims, policies or activities. The Bundists

still seek to breed racial hatreds and dissensions in this country. They still praise Nazism and Adolph Hitler.

On Sundays many of the Maennerchor Bundists get together regularly at the Deutsches Haus. After these informal gatherings, many of them adjourn to the Embassy Auditorium where they attend the meetings of the "League to Save America First."

LEAGUE TO SAVE AMERICA FIRST: As nearly as the committee can determine, there is little basic difference between the aims and policies of this organization and those of the Bund. At its meetings the Bund-re-enforced audiences regularly boo and hiss the names of the President of the United States and outstanding Americans, but never show any condemnation when Adolph Hitler or Benito Mussolini are mentioned. Many of its speakers adhere closely to the Nazi propaganda line.

THE NATIONAL COPPERHEADS is an organization operating primarily to cause citizens of this country to lose confidence in our government. It actively disseminates disunity and hatred of American principles.



G. WILHELM KUNZE (left), former National Vice-Leader of the German-American Bund, is shown here with HERMAN SCHWINN, Pacific Coast Bund "Fuehrer," during a conference

at the latter's Los Angeles office early in 1939. Both are attired in Bund uniform which has since been outlawed. Photos on wall are of Goebbels (left) and Horst Wessel.

THE AMERICAN GUARDS has its headquarters in Los Angeles, and sponsors a "platform" that has great similarity to Nazi teachings, promulgating the abolition of Labor Unions and the substitution of the "government union," such as exists in Germany today. This group also preaches other routine totalitarian doctrines.

THE ANTI-COMMUNIST FEDERATION is a typical subversive blind. Its "secretary" is Paquita Louise De Shishmareff, also known as Mrs. Leslie Fry or Louise Fry, mysterious international figure who fled the country when sought by government agencies. Last year this Federation called a convention to be held at the "committee headquarters,"

which was none other than the Bund's own Deutsches Haus, 634 W. 15th Street, Los Angeles. This convention, according to the report of the Special Committee on un-American Activities of the 76th Congress, "was in no real sense an anti-Communist convention, but rather another of a series of attempts to unite some of the various forces of intolerance, racial hatred, Naziism and Fascism in order to achieve greater influence in the United States."

THE MILITANT CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS is another "front" organization, headed by the same group that sponsored the Anti-Communist Federation.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN is still another organization closely associated with the Militant Christian Patriots and formed by close associates of Shishmareff, alias Fry.

THE ARYAN BOOK STORE, operated in the Deutsches Haus, is one of the chief sources of printed propaganda material in the west. It distributes a vast variety of German and English language books and articles designed to create racial hatreds and dissensions among all classes of society, in accordance with Hitler's basic "divide and rule" principle.

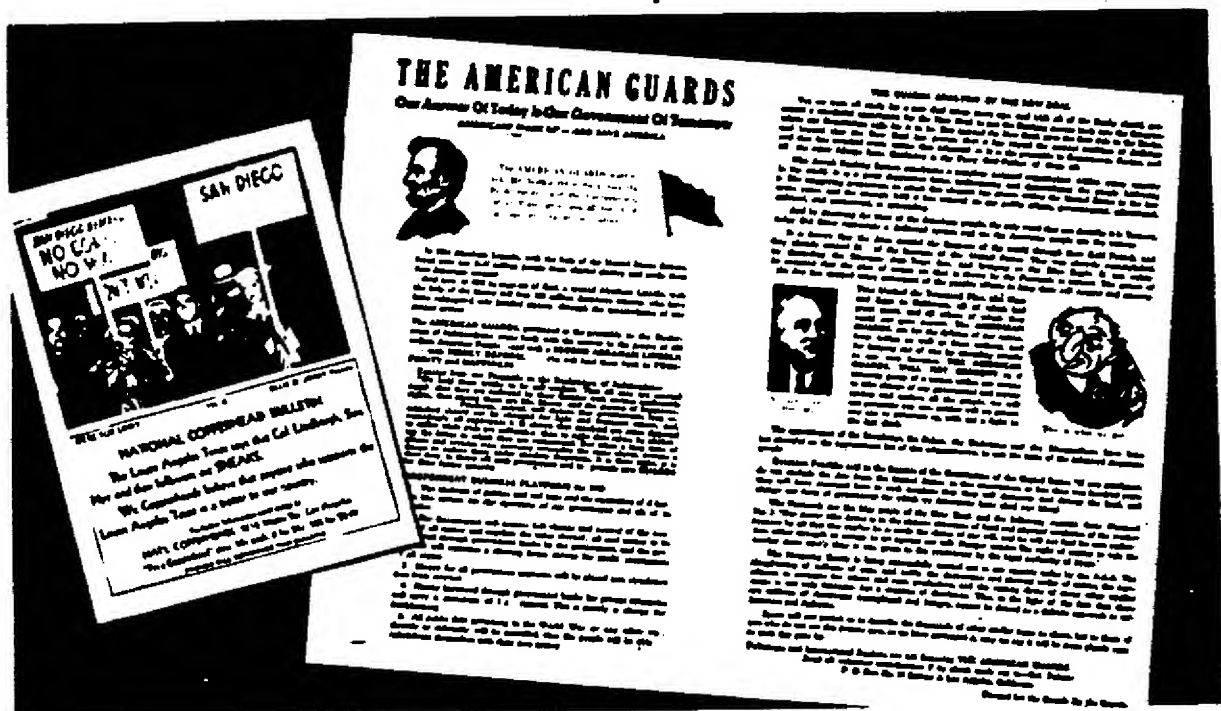
THE NATIONAL BOOK MART, located at 1625 Fifth Avenue, Los Angeles, sells many of the same books and pamphlets advocating and expounding Nazi doctrines and in-

viting racial hatreds as are sold by the Aryan Book Store.

THE CONTINENTAL BOOK SHOP, 2509 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, is likewise a center for the distribution of un-American subversive literature and books.

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The foregoing are a few of the channels of subversive activity found by The American Legion committee in California. The manner in which these channels direct their propaganda poisons directly into the heart of the America First Committee will be revealed in the following pages, after brief attention has been given to the individuals who operate or function through the above channels.



Reproductions of a Copperhead bulletin and of one of many American Guards folders designed to stir up racial hatreds and ridicule our national leaders. Photograph of President

Roosevelt is captioned "We voted for this..." Caricature purporting to be a Jew is captioned "This is what we got."

III

What Individuals Are Identified with the Subversive Channels?

The number of men and women who are active in subversive channels in California is large. However, most of the activities are conceived and supervised by a rather small group, most of whom appear to be well skilled in propaganda and organization work. They include:

1. F. K. Ferenz operates the Continental

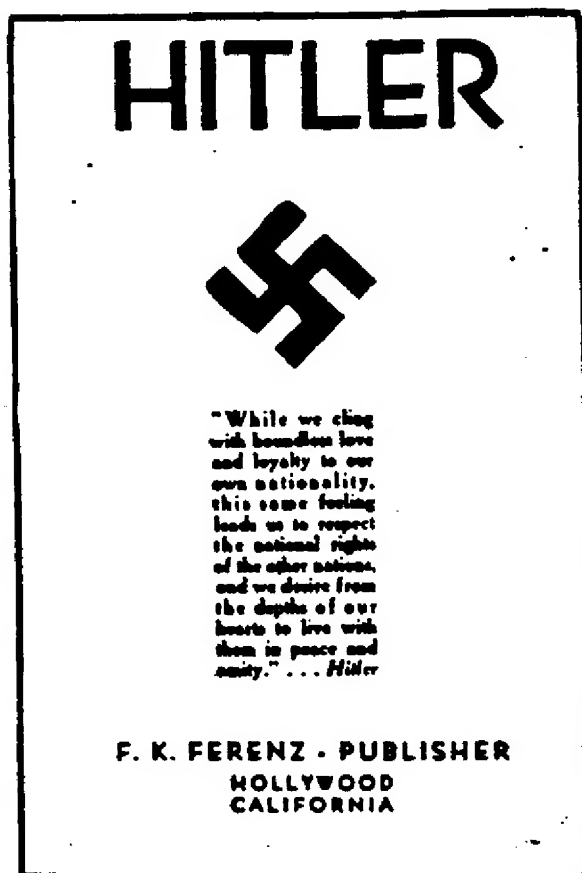
Book Shop at 2509 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, one of the channels of Nazi printed propaganda referred to in the previous chapter. On his own account, he is the publisher of a swastika-decorated volume of essays entitled "Hitler." Ferenz has been, and still is, an exhibitor of German propaganda films in Los Angeles. He also distributes German language records. His motion picture shows,



F. K. FERENZ, noted Nazi operator, usually tries to avoid being photographed at America First meetings, and habitually covers his face with a newspaper, as in upper left photo (right edge). Right photo shows him (second from left)



among the small group of America Firsters who waited for the conclusion of Senator Wheeler's interview in the press room at Los Angeles Union Station on September 27, 1941, so they might shake hands with their leader.



Reproduction of the title page and table of contents from FERENZ' laudatory Hitler symposium.

sometimes accompanied by talks by such persons as Herman Max Schwinn, have been shown in many California theatres, including the Mason Opera House in Los Angeles. Here, however, he was ousted by his landlords, who charged him with being a "propaganda agent for the German government." This was brought out in the Superior Court in Los Angeles where Ferenz unsuccessfully sought to regain possession of the Opera House lease.

2. **Herman Max Schwinn**, Western Director of the former German-American Bund, has been closely associated with many

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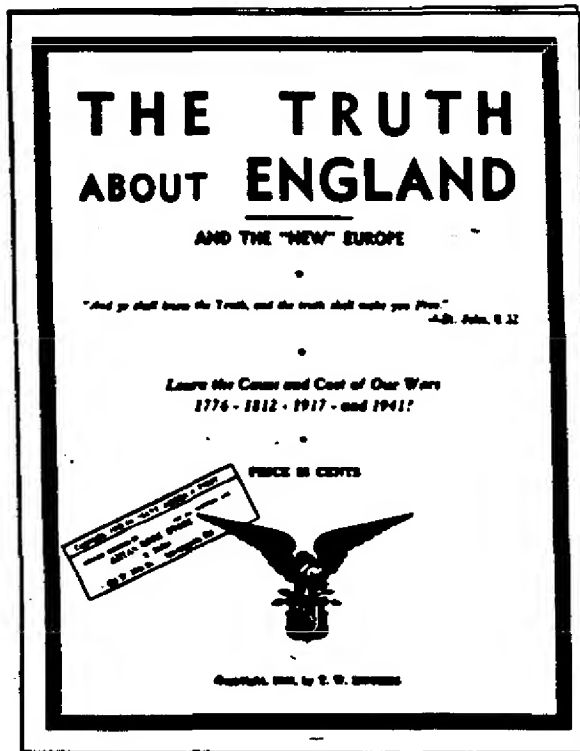
of the subversive channels mentioned in the foregoing chapter. Born in Hamburg, Germany, he came to the United States and applied for citizenship which was subsequently granted to him. In 1939 his citizenship was cancelled because of false affidavits supporting the petition for final papers.

3. **T. W. Hughes**, who founded the "League To Save America First," conducts its regular meetings at the Embassy Auditorium in Los Angeles, largely directed to inciting intolerance and class dissensions along particularly bitter lines. He has written a pamphlet en-

titled, "The Truth About England," which is distributed by the National Book Mart, the Aryan Book Store and other subversive channels.

4. **Ellis O. Jones** is the organizer of the National Copperheads, described in Section II. His propaganda closely parallels the Nazi technique. He regularly writes for and sells a paper bearing the title "Publicity." The following quotation from the issue of August 7, 1941, is typical of his style:

"He (Lindbergh) is a man more feared and therefore more hated and more recklessly maligned than all others by the perfidious Roosevelt, the vituperative Ickes, the guttersnipe Winchell, the babbling Dorothy Thompson and all the rest."



Reproduction of T. W. HUGHES' anti-British book, showing distribution stamp of the Aryan Book Store, located on the premises of former Bund headquarters.

5. **Benjamin Franklin Ballard** is organizer and active leader of the American Guards, sponsoring Hitler-style abolition of Labor Unions. He is a frequent participant in meetings of the "League To Save America First" conducted by T. W. Hughes. He issues anti-Semitic literature and follows other general propaganda policies of the Nazis.

6. **William P. Williams** has published and distributed a number of subversive propaganda leaflets, advocating the well-known underground technique generally called the "secret cell" organization. He urges the formation of cells of from three to seven persons, no one of whom, except the leader, is

FELLOW AMERICAN CITIZENS, FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION, FOR GOD AND COUNTRY, AND FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS OF MANKIND, IT IS NOW UP TO YOU AND I IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD IN AMERICA TO PASS ON THESE TRUTHS, TO ORGANIZE IN SMALL GROUPS TO WORK QUIETLY BUT EFFECTIVELY TO SAVE CIVILIZATION. FOR THE LOVE OF OUR FELLOWS AND EVEN FOR THE FUTURE HELPERS OF THE JEWS WHOSE TEACHINGS OF HATEFUL HAVE MADE THEM VICTIMS, AND HAVE MURDERED CHRISTIANS BY THE MILLIONS, LET US WORK AS NEVER BEFORE, FOR AMERICA IS AFLAME.

SUGGESTIONS IN IT YOU AND I CAN USE TO HELP BRING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS:

Demand of our representatives that we stop conveying "war" ships. Write our U.S. Senators and Representatives in Washington to stop any possibility of sending our boys to Europe.

LET US STOP PATRONIZING THE MOTION PICTURES UNTIL ALL FOREIGN PROPAGANDA HAS DISAPPEARED. LET US MAKE OUR OWN ENTERTAINMENT FOR OUR FAMILIES, EVEN AS OUR FATHERS DID (NOW & FOREVER).

Pass these facts to your neighbors and friends. OR ORGANIZE IN SMALL GROUPS OF 3 to 7; meet in your homes, not publicly, and stop the revolution the anti-Christians are plotting against all existing Gentile governments and all civilization.

The above extract from WILLIAM P. WILLIAMS' mimeographed sheet entitled "Questions, Please" is typical of underground plotting technique that is characteristic of Williams' approach. The "secret cell" is widely used by the Nazi Party in Germany.



Mrs. FAITH McCULLOUGH (left center, wearing white hat and glasses), alias Frances Maxey, former secretary of Mrs.

Leslie Fry (fugitive from the government investigators) at an America First meeting in Hollywood.

acquainted with the members of any other cells. They meet secretly in homes. Williams was recently prevented from finishing a speech to an American Legion Post because it was considered pro-Nazi.

7. **Mrs. Faith McCullough**, who is also known as Mrs. Frances Maxey, organized the American League of Christian Women. She has long been closely associated with Paquita Louise De Shishmareff, also known as Mrs. Leslie Fry, founder of the Anti-Communist Federation, who fled from the United States when sought by the government. Despite her long and close association with the fugitive Mrs. Fry, Mrs. Faith McCullough is still active in California subversive channels.

8. **Henry D. Allen**, who has been convicted of various crimes in the State of California, is referred to in the report of the U. S. Con-

gressional Committee on Un-American Activities as the head of the American White Guards which "took part in some way or another in this attempt to create a unified Fascist movement."

<p>MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD</p> <p>MILITANT CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS</p> <p>MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD</p> <p>Box 400 - Glendale, Calif.</p>	
<p>TO: HENRY D. ALLEN</p> <p>The Militant Christian Patriots hereby authorize Mr. Henry D. Allen to act as their official representative.</p> <p>Signed:</p> <p>MILITANT CHRISTIAN PATRIOTS</p> <p><i>Leslie Fry</i></p>	

This letter of authorization was given to HENRY ALLEN by Mrs. LESLIE FRY. It amounted to a "safe conduct" guarantee for Allen through national subversive circles.

Allen also testified, according to the same report, that he was one time a Silver Shirt leader and had been authorized by Mrs. Leslie Fry to make a tour of the country at her expense, wherein he visited some of the heads of outstanding subversive organizations.

9. **John L. Riemer** operates the National Book Mart, distributor of subversive propaganda literature. He testified before the McCormack Committee that he had organized the "American Labor Party" [not to be confused with the large organization in New York of the same name]. The literature of Riemer's "Labor" organization consists in part of an anthem entitled "A Voice Resounds Like Thunder Peal," by John L. Riemer. With the exception of the substitution of American names for German names, this anthem is a direct translation of "Die Wacht am Rhein." Riemer's testimony to the McCormack Committee indicated that a German consulate had paid \$215 for printing part

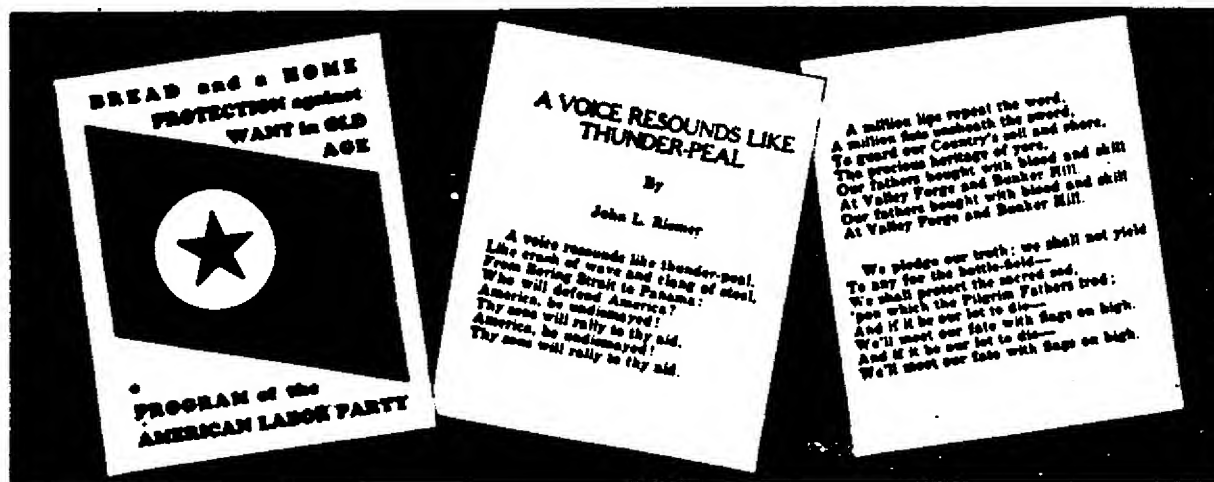
of the literature he has been sending out from Los Angeles during the year 1941.

10. **Arthur Burnett**, sometimes called Roy Chase, is frequently a participant in meetings of Hughes' "League To Save America First." His activities have included preparation of anti-Semitic posters and the dissemination of other subversive literature.

11. **William Hunt** has been a frequent visitor at Deutsches Haus, notably on an occasion when Fritz Kuhn was present. He has also been associated with the activities of Faith McCullough, secretary to fugitive Mrs. Leslie Fry.

12. **James McBride** is a member of the Bund and a "stormtrooper." His wife, Joan, has likewise been engaged in Bund activities, and is a waitress at the Tavern of the Deutsches Haus.

13. **The Van Meter Brothers**, James, Daniel, Baron and William. One of these is a photographer for the Bund. Another is



Front cover of RIEMER's "American Labor Party" Platform (which advocated abolition of Labor Unions), and anthem of the Party, which is a word for word translation of German

Patriotic Hymn, except for substitution of American names for German ones.

a printer for the Bund. They are all active in the subversive "League To Save America First."

14. Bruce Tarkington Dowden, a frequent speaker before the subversive "Save America First" meetings, is particularly violent in inciting racial hatreds. He cooperates with distributor of Nazi propaganda, F. K. Ferenz. He advocates flooding Washington with demands for annexation of Canada for the sole purpose of "embarrassing the government." Other typical teachings:

"I believe in fighting fire with fire and there is only one way to combat this vicious pro-British doctrine in our schools and that's the whispering campaign... gossip, our grandmothers would have called it. Our educational system through the years has been built upon a high standard of personal morals... the first hint that the morals of a teacher or professor were irregular have called for immediate dismissal. This is your method of attack. If the eighty or so people here tonight would make up their minds to go out of here tonight and start a whispering campaign attacking the morals of the offending teachers and professors, I am sure it wouldn't take long to eliminate them."

15. G. Allison Phelps, also known as G. Allison, has for years been broadcasting over various California radio stations along particularly vicious anti-British and anti-Jewish lines. He advertises for sale the book "We Must Save the Republic," announced by *Flanders Hall*, a Nazi-front publishing house financed by George Sylvester Vierick, who in turn is listed under the McCormack Act as a German propaganda agent. On September 24, 1941, Pearson and Allen described G. Allison Phelps as a front-man for Russell Mack, a former scenario writer, who visited Germany in 1939 and returned to Hollywood to collaborate with Phelps in scathing attacks on the motion picture industry.

The foregoing pages have listed fifteen individuals who are especially active in subversive channels in California. The following section reveals the extent to which these same individuals are identified with the America First Committee in California.



Two of the VAN METER BROTHERS, prominent in subversive society, as members, printers and photographers for the German-American Bund. (Left, BARON VAN METER; right, WILLIAM VAN METER.)



BRUCE TARKINGTON DOWDEN advocates annexation of Canada and "whispering campaigns" to slur morals of teachers who support Defense Program.

IV

To What Extent Are the Same Individuals Identified with America First?

It is found that all of the fifteen individuals previously mentioned are very active in the America First Committee in California. Some of them are outright leaders. Others are working in more humble capacities or in more indirect ways. For easy reference the names of these persons are numbered in the same order as in the previous chapter.

1. **F. K. Ferenz**, distributor of subversive books, Hitler essayist and Nazi film exhibitor, is one of the most active workers in the America First movement in California. Between March 6 and August 23, 1941, he attended twenty-one America First meetings. He participated in the management of the Alhambra motor parade conducted by the America First Committee. He assisted in the operation of the picket line at the Willkie Hollywood Bowl meeting, entering into discussions with by-standers or persons entering the Bowl. It is reported to the investigators that Ferenz also participated in the making of the vicious posters and banners which were used by both America Firsters and Bundists on this occasion.

2. **Herman Max Schwinn**, West Coast

Bund Fuehrer, has openly cooperated and aided in the operation of the America First-sponsored picket line at the Hollywood Bowl when Wendell Willkie spoke in behalf of National Unity, on July 23, 1941. Schwinn did not carry a banner or poster but devoted his time to encouraging pickets and otherwise assisting F. K. Ferenz.

3. **T. W. Hughes**, who conducts the Bund-reinforced "League To Save America First," (see page 5), has attracted many America First speakers to his platform.*

Hughes is reported to participate in policy meetings of America First Committee leaders. Typical example of how the two organizations function along parallel lines is seen in the fact that the bulletin board at Hughes' meeting on July 20, 1941, displayed a poster very similar to the one which appeared on the bulletin board at America First headquarters in Los Angeles at the same time.

The Hughes anti-British book, "The Truth About England," which is distributed

*Among these are Louise Ward Watkins, Verne Marshall, John F. Sinclair, Bruce Tarkington Dowden, Albert W. Carlson, Frank J. Barry Sr., Frank J. Barry Jr., James D'Orsey Murray, Patrick Calhoun, and Michael Dillon.

through the Aryan Book Store and other subversive channels is also recommended at America First Committee meetings in California.

4. Ellis O. Jones, organizer of the subversive National Copperheads, has attended forty-three America First meetings since January, 1941. These meetings have been in Los Angeles, Pasadena, Glendale and Santa Monica. During the same period he has attended twenty-three Hughes Save America First Meetings. He has participated in America First Motorcades and has cooperated in various ways with the America First "Youth Group."

5. Benjamin Franklin Ballard, organizer of the subversive American Guards and regular attendant at meetings of the "League to Save America First," is chairman of the Downtown chapter of the America First Committee. His talks to America First meetings are out-spokenly anti-Semitic. He compares the President of the United States to Benedict Arnold and urges impeachment proceedings. At America First meetings, he frequently recommends the book, "We Must Save The Republic," issued by Flanders Hall, Nazi-sponsored publishing house. (See G. Allison Phelps, page 13).

6. William P. Williams, publisher and distributor of subversive pamphlets, advocate of "secret cell" organizations who is regarded by Legionnaires as an out-spoken pro-Nazi, is head of the North Hollywood Chapter of America First.

7. Mrs. Faith McCullough, also known as Frances Maxey, organizer of the subversive

"American League of Christian Women,"
and secretary to the fugitive Mrs. Leslie Fry
(see page 11), is active in the Glendale and
Pasadena, California, chapters of America
First, and an America First speaker. She ap-
peared before the Board of Education in the
City of Pasadena in behalf of America First
to fight the cancellation of its permit for use
of school buildings.

PASADENA, June 8.—"The American Way of Life" will be the topic of Henry Allen, mine owner and engineer, at a meeting of the America First Committee, tomorrow in McKinley School Auditorium, Oak Knoll avenue and Del Mar street.

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Ex-Felon Bared as Propaganda Chief

**ROBERT A. ALLEN**

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U. S. QUIZ

The man responsible for obtaining Los Angeles with vicious anti-Jewish circulars was identified yesterday by the Los Angeles Examiner as Henry D. Allen, ex-singer who served terms in San Quentin and Federal penitentiaries.

The document was made after the seizure of the Silver Star corporation, and four errors in the map as a false claim, in the midst of which, the document failed, to a case investigated by the state of New York.

PAFFEN GRUBBS
Paffen Grubbs is the supervisor, receiving a newly-graded and maintained to regularly operate with a single plant. With control by Special Agent W. E. Schaefer of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Commander (Colonel) of the First Infantry.

8. **Henry Allen**, ex-convict, founder of the subversive American White Guards and Silver Shirt leader (see page 11), has worked his way into the confidence of the Pasadena chapter of the America First Committee. However, when he was scheduled to speak at one of their meetings on June 6, 1941, the people of Pasadena made such loud protest because of his known record that America First cancelled the address.

9. **John L. Riemer**, distributor of T. W. Hughes' anti-British pamphlet, and F. K. Ferenz' laudatory book on Hitler, advertises America First in connection with his mailings of Nazi propaganda, that are paid for in part by a German Consul. (See page 12.)

10. **Arthur Burnett**, sometimes called Roy Chase, active participant in "Save America First" meetings and disseminator of subversive posters and pamphlets, has attended at least thirty America First meetings in the last few months. At some of these meetings he distributed literature tending to create racial hatred. It is reported to The American Legion that Burnett has prepared bulletin board announcements for the America First Committee headquarters in Los Angeles and has also aided in the decoration of automobiles used by the America First Committee in parades.

11. **William Hunt**, whose activities are closely allied with those of Mrs. Faith McCullough and the fugitive Mrs. Leslie Fry, is Chairman of the Glendale Chapter of the America First Committee. Hunt has been seen frequently at Bund headquarters. His Glendale Chapter has often been cited

as one of the worst offenders in booing national leaders while omitting all condemnation of Hitler and Naziism.

12. **James McBride**, Bund stormtrooper, and his wife Joan McBride, Deutsches Hauswaitress, have attended twenty-three America First Committee meetings within the last few months. Both of these persons served as America First pickets at the Willkie Hollywood Bowl meeting, and also participated in America First motor parades.

13. **The Van Meter Brothers**, Bund printers and photographers, have been very active in America First, particularly in its "Youth Group." From March 6 to August 24, 1941, they attended twenty-two meetings.

14. **Bruce Tarkington Dowden**, who recommends the spreading of malicious rumor concerning the morals of schoolteachers opposed to America First, has spoken at least four times at America First meetings. The character-assassination teachings attributed



Bund Members JOAN (center) and JAMES (right) McBride picket with Mrs. DUNN, America First member, at the Hollywood Bowl.

to him on page 13 were voiced at an America First meeting in Pasadena on September 19, 1941. The photograph of him on page 13 was taken at that meeting.

15. G. Allison Phelps, also known as G. Allison, radio hate-inciter and advertiser of a publication announced by Nazi-financed Flanders Hall, is an America First speaker whose intimacy with the organization may be judged from the fact that he regularly advertises America First meetings over his radio programs.

This report has thus far revealed:

- (A) A number of the subversive propaganda channels operating in California;
- (B) Who are the organizers and workers in these channels;
- (C) The extent to which the same organizers and workers are active in America First Committee chapters in California.

The result of their activities in the America First movement will be enlarged upon in the next section.

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Patriotic Hall, 1516 South Figueroa St., Los Angeles, California

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What Effect Do These Individuals Have on America First Committee?

If the persons referred to in previous sections of this report confined their activities in the America First movement to the mere development of the isolationist point of view on U. S. defense, their coincidental activities through subversive channels would not necessarily reflect upon the America First Committee.

However, The American Legion finds that there is practically no difference between the activities of these persons when functioning on behalf of the America First Committee and when functioning on behalf of the subversive channels with which they are identified. *There is every indication that they have joined the America First movement for the express purpose of presenting their subversive propaganda to those sincere isolationists who have been attracted to meetings of America First.*

The result of this taking over of America First meetings by the subversivists has been a gradual but complete switching of the organization's policy from one that merely encourages the theory of defense through isolation, to a policy of sponsoring the indiscriminate spread of hatred, confusion, dissension, defeatism, and various other elements of the

propaganda line set down by the Nazi government for its agents in the United States.

Innumerable speeches at meetings of America First in California have been analyzed by The American Legion. These uniformly ignore all constructive discussion of U. S. defense from the isolationist point of view. One might spend weeks attending America First meetings, listening to America First radio addresses and reading America First literature, and still find no definite statement as to the point on the map at which that Committee proposes that our country start defending itself from aggression, or whether it believes the United States should attempt to defend itself at all.

The good California citizen who sincerely believes that strict isolationism may be a practical course for the United States, turns in vain to the America First Committee for constructive information or inspiration. He finds that, while carefully avoiding giving any hint of a consistent defense policy for this country, many America First speakers apparently stop at nothing that will further confuse the defense issue, weaken our morale, or otherwise embarrass our government.

The continuous incitement and embitter-

ment of sincere California citizens against their government, the poisoning of their minds with Hitler's three hatreds (hatred of Britain, hatred of Jews and hatred of the American Way of Life), the providing of a respectable sounding board for professional organizers of crackpot, "lunacy-fringe" groups—these are the obvious results of the present subversive infiltration of the America First movement in California.

The American Legion Committee finds that in meetings of America First, processes are at work whereby a person attending merely to seek information, may unwittingly be transformed into a Nazi sympathizer, and even into a potential traitor to his country.

This Committee further finds that subversive infiltration into America First in California has not only confused the minds of the people in the audiences it attracts, but also has poisoned the minds of persons of outstanding community reputation who have participated in its activities.

It is obvious to this committee that subversive and un-American persons are tolerated by America First because such persons favor the isolationist America First doctrine. The American Legion, however, submits that acquiescence by leaders of America First in such subversive conduct permits the people to be deceived into believing that insidious doctrines and pernicious ideologies of un-American elements express the ideals and have the approval of the leaders of America First.

The responsibility for the loyalty and integrity of all those who are active in America First rests squarely upon the shoulders of its leaders.

The entire leadership of the America First Committee is now at the crossroads. General Robert E. Wood and his National Committee associates must make one of three decisions:

- (1) Publicly disown and publicly denounce America First chapters in California and in all other states where conditions exist similar to those revealed by this report.
- (2) Openly accept leadership of subversive and "lunacy fringe" elements in the United States.
- (3) Ignore conditions disclosed by this report.



WHAT NOW?

If General Robert E. Wood and his National Committee adopt the first course, America First will cease to be a sounding-board for un-American doctrines and the people will know precisely where it stands.

If they accept leadership of the subversive elements (2), or if they ignore conditions disclosed by this report (3), [in effect the same] any resulting disunity of our people, any ensuing class hatred—attempts thus to strike at the very heart of our national defense—rests solely with America First. Such an eventuality loyal Americans must not and will not tolerate.

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

(Continued)

Dec. 11, 1941: Chicago, Ill.-Dr. Clarence ~~MANION~~
Dec. 15, 1941: Rockford, Ill.-Sen. NYE
Tulsa, Okla.-William H. MURRAY

To: ND's 1,3,4,8,9, FBI, MID.
December 5, 1941.

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Subject organization has announced, from its National Headquarters in Chicago, Dec. 3, 1941, that it would take an active part in politics and would support Representatives and Senators, regardless of party lines, who voted against the war. Whether or not we are already at war may be debatable, from a technical point of view, but subject's stand will result in the formation of a political block to oppose all defense effort. With this in view, subject announced a schedule of meetings in the East and Mid-West during December.

The list of speakers is headed by Charles A. LINDBERGH, Senator Gerald P. NYE, of North Dakota, and John CUDAHY,

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former Ambassador to Belgium. Other speakers will be: Senator D. Worth CLARK, of Idaho; William H. MURRAY, former Governor of Oklahoma; Representative Jeannette RANKIN of Montana; Mrs. Irene Castle McLAUGHLIN.

Dr. Clarence MANION, Dean of the Notre Dame Law School, will make his first appearance as a speaker for subject at a rally in Chicago, Dec. 14. Also undertaking speaking tours for the first time will be Representatives Fred A. HARTLEY, Jr., of New Jersey, Harry SAUTHOFF, of Wisconsin, and Fred BRADLEY of Michigan.

The schedule of meetings, announced by National Chairman, General Robert E. WOOD, follows:

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Dec. 4, 1941: Richmond Hill, L.I., N.Y.-Rep. HARTLEY
Eau Claire, Wis.-William H. MURRAY

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Springfield, Mass.-John CUDAHY
Hartford, Conn.-Senator NYE
The Bronx, N.Y.-Representative Dewey SHORT

Dec. 5, 1941: Peabody, Mass.-Rep. SHORT and BRADLEY
Dec. 6, 1941: Columbus, Ohio-Senator NYE
Dec. 7, 1941: Pittsburgh-Senator NYE and Mrs. McLAUGHLIN
Dec. 8, 1941: White Plains, N.Y.-Sen. NYE and John CUDAHY
Dec. 9, 1941: Cincinnati, Ohio-Sen. D. Worth CLARK and Samuel B. PETTEGILL
Dec. 10, 1941: Jersey City-Sen. NYE and Rep. SAUTHOFF
Dec. 12, 1941: Valley Stream, L.I., -Sen. NYE

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL BERGE

Upon receipt of your memorandum of November 22, 1941, requesting certain investigation in connection with the case involving the financing of the America First Committee and particularly of the activities of [redacted] inquiry of Mr. W. M. W. Smith as to whether this investigation should be undertaken. In view of the fact that I was informed that the Attorney General had assigned to Mr. W. M. W. Smith certain duties and responsibilities relating to the operation of the America First Committee, Mr. Smith requested that the investigation requested in your memorandum of November 22, 1941, be held in abeyance in order that he might take this matter up with the Criminal Division. I am accordingly withholding the investigation requested in your memorandum of November 22, 1941, until such time as the Criminal Division and Mr. Smith have agreed as to whether the investigation should be conducted.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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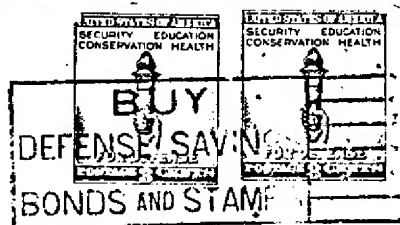
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I'd suggest, EC 48 1944
American citizen,
you investigate
this article and
its organization.

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Booster, a local
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Chicago's Lake View
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Mr. Herbert Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
W. D. C. (#Washington)

AGREES WITH HITLER BOOK, 'MEIN KAMPF'

Meeting Occurs 40 Hours Before Jap Attack on America

"Adolf Hitler in his book, 'Mein Kampf,' says that democracy in America is 'decayed and rotten'—I agree with him!"

With those words the principal speaker at the Lincoln Park Chapter, America First, Inc., meeting at 3730 N. Clark, Friday night, got his talk under way. He was Rev. Paul Voronaeff, who was announced as a Russian missionary.

He took the stand just a few minutes after another speaker, a Rev. Boze, had challenged the American Legion. Rev. Boze, who claimed to be organizing a "We the Fathers" group to march on Washington, said: "Where is the American Legion? We dare them to come!"

Puts on an Act

The Russian "missionary," who gave a carefully rehearsed dramatic monologue that would have done credit to a stage star, also brought with him thirty-five lantern slides purporting to show Russian conditions.

One of the slides was a map of Europe and Asia, which showed Russia out of all proportion to its actual size and which depicted Germany as being about as big as a minute.

But Rev. Voronaeff, who evidently had trouble making up his mind whether Russia was a "menace" or not, in the next breath declared proudly that Germany already occupied 4/5 of the "important" part of Russia and that retreat of the Nazis at Rostov was "insignificant."

Hits Walter Winchell

Other parts of his speech that drew applause from the 224 members of the audience were the statements that "the defense tax was a robbery" and that he "stood behind Walter Winchell during a recent Communist parade" and that Walter knew all the reds by

and later he said that he was in grade school in Russia in 1925. Simple arithmetic would indicate he was a grade school pupil at the age of 19! He also wasn't quite clear about whether he "escaped" or was released from the Russian army.

Asks God's Help

He ended his talk by calling on God to help him and by stating that if Jesus Christ came to the White House, the President would say: "Get away from here, you are a Nazi."

Friday's rally was covered by one of The Booster's male reporters because of threats at previous America First, Inc., meetings that female reporters (whom they called "local Dorothy Thompsons") would be "tossed out on their ear."

This reporter, who is of German descent and understands German, was surprised to hear people in the row behind him conversing in that language. At one time they yelled out German words, which translated literally, meant: "Roosevelt is a s— — — b—!"

The America Firsters attempted no violence against this reporter, but one speaker did say, "The Booster misconstrues our statements here and we're going to have a showdown with them!"

Although this meeting took place just 40 hours before Japan attacked America, not one word was said about the Japanese-American situation. The entire meeting was given over to vilifying FDR, Great Britain and Russia, and apologizing for Germany.

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Special Agent in Charge
Chicago, Illinois

Re: [REDACTED]

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Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith
copies of an anonymous communication dated December 12, 1941
received at the Bureau in an envelope postmarked December 11, 1941
at Chicago, Illinois.

Very truly yours,

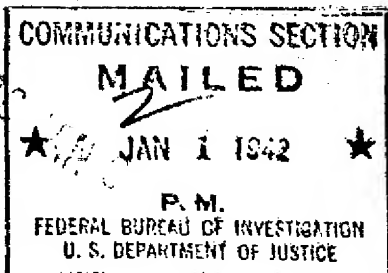
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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E. J. [REDACTED]



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

December 2, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I talked to Mr. L. M. C. Smith about the attached memorandum from the Criminal Division in which we are requested to conduct some investigation pertaining to the America First Committee. Mr. Smith stated that he would take this matter up at once with the Criminal Division since he doesn't believe the Attorney General desired an investigation in this field at the present time. Mr. Smith requested that we send a memorandum to the Criminal Division advising that he is handling matters relating to the America First Committee and requesting the Criminal Division to clear with Smith before having any investigation of this kind undertaken. A suggested memorandum to Mr. Berge is attached hereto.

Respectfully,

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Edward A. Tamm

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Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
Mr. Coffey ✓
Mr. Hendon ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
Mr. Nease ✓
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
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Mr. Carson	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. H. J. Jones	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

EAT:TEB

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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While talking to Mr. L. M. C. Smith on various matters I inquired of him what disposition had been made of the matter involving [redacted] and the forthcoming publication of a book dealing with the America First Committee. Mr. Smith indicated he was awaiting some word from [redacted] about this situation. Smith has designated Mr. Frank Crocker of his Division to go to New York and work with the Bureau Agents in reviewing this material. Crocker is available to go on 24 hours notice but the matter is awaiting indication from [redacted] as to when the action will be taken.

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Edward A. Tamm

I believe Smith has now arranged for his man to be in N.Y. on Monday at 10. Have you worked details out with Fofworth.

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Washington, D. C.

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December 4, 1941

Time: 9:40 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Tracy _____
Mr. Rosen _____
Mr. Carson _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Hendon _____
Mr. Quinn Tamm _____
Mr. Holloman _____
Mr. Harbo _____
Tele. Room _____
Telet. Room _____
Mr. Nease _____
Miss Gandy _____

I called Mr. Foxworth at New York and advised him that L. M. C. Smith had been in touch with you last night concerning the [REDACTED] matter. I told Mr. Foxworth that Smith is sending Fred Crocker of the Special Defense Unit to Room 4206, Channin Building, 42nd and Lexington Avenue, New York City, at 10:00 A.M. next Monday to see [REDACTED]. I told Mr. Foxworth I would suggest to Mr. Smith that he have Crocker get in touch with Agent [REDACTED] of the New York Office prior to ten o'clock on Monday in order that they might meet and go to see [REDACTED] together.

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Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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EXCLUSIVE TO: WALTER ~~FINCH~~ ~~CHILL~~

To Hoover Committee

(1) Latest speakers at the America First Meetings are Bert Eagle, a full-blooded Indian, who is a professional speaker, and has soap-boxed on Columbus Circle for years on a variety of subjects; and John ~~Olivio~~, [REDACTED]

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at a meeting of the American
first committee, a tract was given by a number
of nazi sympathizers of german extraction, who should
be immediately removed, and placed in concen-
tration camps, as all are very dangerous agitators.
The tract was as follows: To the downfall of
America, and the day when the nazi germans
will tramp down our streets. determined to turn
in these german rascals, who are all earning
and raking in, the good old American dollar.

AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY
KEEP THIS ENVELOPE ATTACHED

I managed to check the book with addressee,
which I am sending.

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first, a strapping german by [redacted] first name, unknown, who works
as fireman at 158th street and [redacted] are
the Bronx.

A [redacted], these nazi rascals came
to America since the world war, and I doubt
(over)

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if a good many of these german rascals have
their citizenship papers, the man ([redacted]) runs
a delicatessen store [redacted] b7c

[redacted], on west side
the ([redacted]) carries, or hides somewhere in
his store, an ugly german rifle, or large
revolver, also, a nasty looking long rough edged
german sword, of which, when drunk, he flourishes
and brandishes into the air, with the statement
that he is saving the sword for the time
when (little) will tramp down the streets of
New York, and he will have the opportunity
to cut (President Roosevelt's) head from his
body and hang it up, in the german capital

[redacted] b7c
[redacted] (name) a [redacted] born in
the United States, of rabid german extraction
this man, has a position as (Post office
employer) somewhere in the Bronx) it might
be station T- or L- [redacted] social, gathering in
good American cash [redacted] rabid german rascal
his father, a post office [redacted] prisoner
owns a house somewhere in staten Island

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A [redacted], who own a house
 at [redacted] the man b7c
 runs a business [redacted]
 I doubt, these have their citizenship papers)
 for both came to America since the World War
 the simple-minded peasant German woman
 sports her mouth out, to the effect) she is
 saving her (American property) to turn it over
 to (Hitler), for an American (concentration camp

further down the the street near [redacted]
 [redacted] lives a [redacted], who
 is not only (rotten) [redacted] by nature
 the judge German has lived in the United
 States for yrs, and made a good living
 he, also, is saving his American property
 and house, as he states, the with
 clenched fist, for the (German headquarters
 and the garage [redacted], will serve as [redacted]
 barracks, (over)

Sincerely, I am sending you the statement
 of the infamous [REDACTED] when b7c
 you read the statement, it ~~talks~~ talks
 for itself, the [REDACTED] Woman should
 have been deported or removed for it
 was German propaganda money, she used
 to disrupt our American army, to make
 our Country an easy prey for German
 (Conquist

the [REDACTED] Woman) or the shadow, behind
 the throne, who like the German
 Gushy pulls the strings and makes it
 possible for other German Nazis to do the
 dirty work / in all justice to the good
 F.B.I. and the benefit and safety of our
 Country and people in general, before it is
 (too late)

Kindly remove these
dangerous Woman who has
costed in thousands of American
dollars to destroy our liberty, life
and way of living, if she is taken
and put into safe custody, the
F. B. I. will find out how quick
the other spishings will take water
for the Woman (redacted) is a fact ^{b7c}
second, and third these spishing
who see her (Wealth, pit, and
education, to good the others, and
use them or (take warning in time
one) who knows) and remove her as quick
as possible (over

Note her address -
and Headquarters.

this idle rich quivering brast, she has (influence ^{to her} money, and the backing of influential men in Washington ^{her})
Also - as known as [redacted]

Friend is a well known writer ^{b7c}
and (correspondent) known as) a
[redacted] ^{b7c}
[redacted]

the man, might better be called
[redacted] (German Week end) ^{b7c}

quivering
his part in reporting to the
German owned Journal Journal
will terrify the American public
with the insight and strength of German
army

KEEP THE UNITED STATE OUT OF WAR!

Do you know that wars do not happen; They are made; and that we, "The Public," can prevent future wars?

It has been well said that "we must remember that a lot of pressure is being brought to push us into a conflict in which we should have no part. There is an insidious middle group fighting neither Germany nor England but getting them to fight each other solely that this group might profit financially. It is this same group that would like to

make so that when it is all over we could pay the bills." This proved only too true during the last World War as revealed in the United States Senate investigation of the munition profiteers and also by headlines: "Britain and Germany keep patents accord"... Though Great Britain and Germany are at war they are respecting each other's patent rights... In the last war Germany accepted patent renewal fees from British inventors... In this war the British have modified their Trading With the Enemy Act to make payment of such fees possible in Germany. Thus statesmen, while able to protect profits, sacrifice the lives of their countrymen. While we are familiar with results of German aggression in Continental Europe, do we realize that the British altruistic war has enlarged her Empire by an estimated 500,000 square miles?

EXERCISE THE RIGHTS GRANTED YOU BY U. S. CONSTITUTION—WRITE TO YOUR PRESIDENT—YOUR SENATORS (Address them at Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. New York Senators are Robert F. Wagner and James M. Wadsworth). AND ALSO YOUR CONGRESSMEN TO KEEP U. S. A. OUT OF WAR.

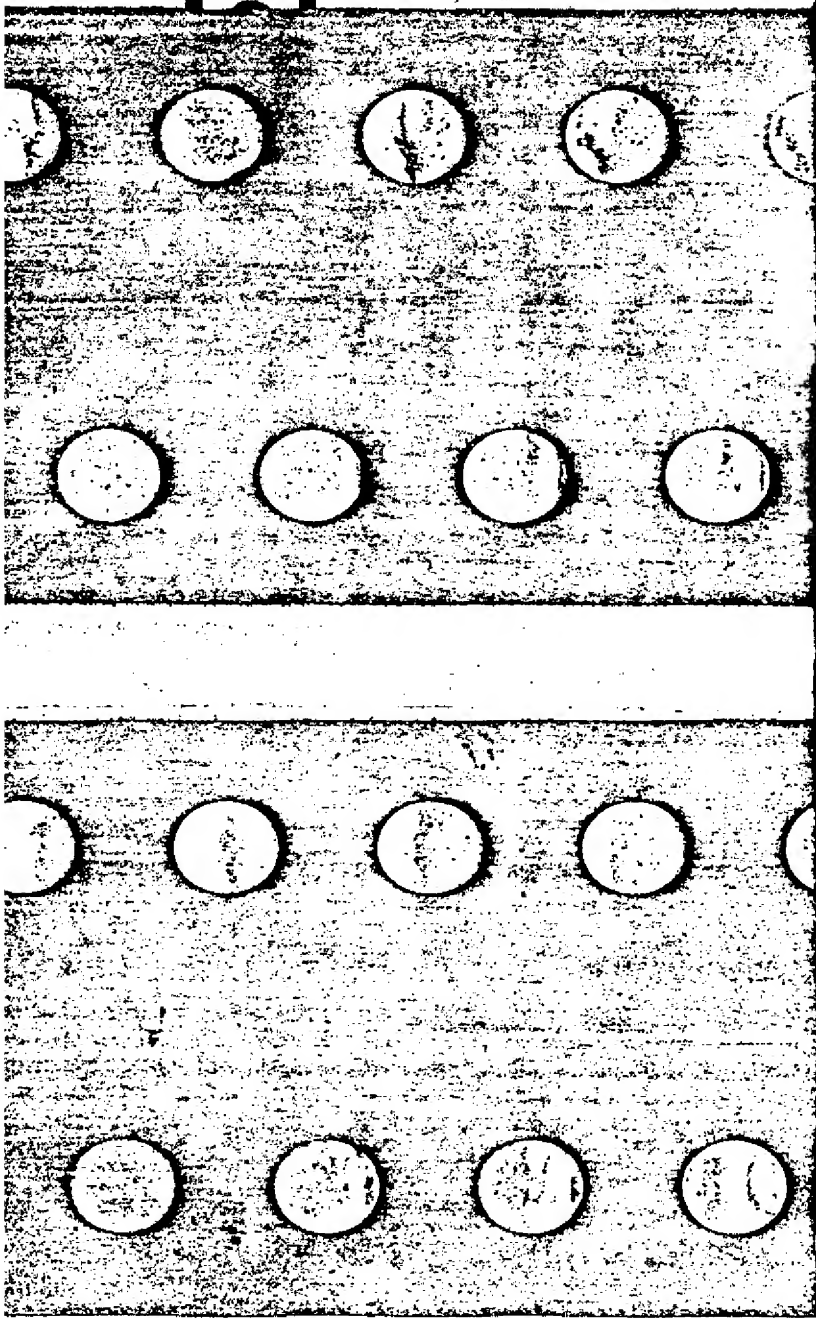
A Million Letters Now May Save Millions of Lives

Peace House, working with religious and peace organizations of long standing, appeals to all young men who are opposed to war from either religious or humanitarian convictions to register "CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR" on their draft questionnaire. After years of ardent work for peace, our Government recognizes this right. It is a matter of interest to observe that after England's many months of war, Canada does not have compulsory military service for overseas, and in England over 30,000 Conscientious Objectors are engaged in peaceful employment. IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO BELONG TO A RELIGIOUS SECT OR SOCIETY TO BE A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, ALTHOUGH SOME DRAFT BOARD OFFICIALS ARE STILL APPARENTLY IGNORANT OF THIS PHASE OF THE LAW. If you are convinced that killing your fellow-man is contrary to the law of GOD and MAN and wish advice and suggestions for filling your draft questionnaire as "Conscientious Objector," write, enclosing a carefully self-addressed stamped envelope.

MRS. J. KROGAN, MAN

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Open Sunday 2 to 6 P. M.

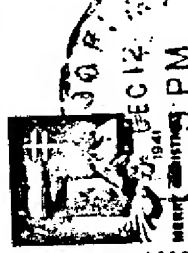


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IMPORTANT - READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

Please remember that the law requires you, and any member of your family who receives relief from the Department of Welfare, to give a true and complete statement of all income whether it be wages, help from relatives, room rent from a lodger, or any other form of income.

Do not forget that you, and any member of your family who receives relief from the Department of Welfare, must report to your Investigator immediately, by letter or personal call, any changes in your income, such as increase in wages, employment of a member of the family who did not have a job previously, new or increased help from relatives, additional lodgers, or any other changes or increases in your income.

Failure to do these things makes you liable to serious penalty under the law. Please give us your full cooperation and avoid all difficulty and trouble.

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

There are transmitted herewith photostatic copies of an anonymous communication, together with enclosures, postmarked New York, New York, December 12, 1941.

This information is being submitted to you for your information and any action you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. Stephen Early
Secy to

Our Wonderful President

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As I do not know what Com-
mittee should have the custody
will you please see that it
gets into the proper hands?

Is any organization allowed
to function that distributes
slandering folders like these?
Isn't something be done?

Amesbury - first

I am an American Jewess
- of several generations all
American - born!

Miss Horowitz, Secretary

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every drop of the American blood!
Is it American to breed such vile hatred, "brother against brother"?
I repeat: Isn't something to be done?"

Thank you for putting the enclosure in the proper hands.

Wishing you & yours a Very Merry Xmas - ^{cup} with the Prayer that we will win this war -

Most respectfully,
[Redacted Signature]

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January 20, 1942

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Sp6 J. J. Key
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Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that your recent communication directed to Mr. Stephen Farly, Secretary to the President, has been referred to this Bureau.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this matter to the attention of the federal government are indeed appreciated. You may be assured that the content of your letter and its enclosure have been noted and are being made a matter of official record in the files of this Bureau for such attention as may be deemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Dear Sir,
I present the first handwritten letter
and am sending you with great
respect. I want you to read for
me to this one thing in particular
is a gang of hoodlums that call the
United States a free country. I
have heard some of their speeches
that they are barbarians. I
recall was allowed to read in
front of me as I have heard them
of our senators. Please let
and the greatest need of our
is with all your hands. I
to watch and attend to
rightest attending to the
all things. I am
be at the head of
out of our
first of
Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover

"America First" Uses Nazi Propaganda Technique in Revising Cartoon Issued Originally by Eminent Christians

The accompanying reproduction of a leaflet distributed during October at several America First Committee meetings in the New York area is evidence of one of the most startling perversions of fact yet found in the propaganda of the appeaser groups," says The Anti-Nazi Bulletin for November.

The statement continues:

About ten years ago, a group of pacifists and liberals of every race and creed edited and wrote for a magazine called "Economic Justice," the bulletin of the National Religion and Labor Foundation.

The backbone of this organization's supporters consisted of the type of sincere liberal and believer in Christian pacifism who once belonged to the "America First" Committee until its Nazi sympathies were revealed.

Even today, of course, the Committee contains some honest but deluded individuals used as a front by the powers behind the scenes.

Dr. Tittle included

Among the names on the editorial board of "Economic Justice" were those of the Reverend Ernest F. Tittle, Pastor of the Methodist Church of Evanston, Ill.; John A. Ryan, of the National Catholic Welfare Board; T. W. Higginson, of the Christian pacifist leader; Mahatma Gandhi, and others of the same type. It would be difficult, if not impossible for anyone but a Nazi propagandist to label such people as Communists.

In its November, 1932, issue, "Economic Justice" published a famous cartoon intended to point the moral that Our Lord, if here today, might be labelled an anarchist and one who conspired against the established government.

Parallel Seen

The idea of course was to draw a parallel between the fight of Jesus Christ for economic justice and the fight of liberals of that day for the same thing.

In no sense was any disrespect intended; on the contrary, it was hoped to dramatize the implications of the teachings of Christ.

The cartoon was widely reprinted by Christian groups including the largely Quaker Fellowship of Reconciliation, an extreme Christian-pacifist group—more honestly pacifist, it might be pointed out, than "America First" ever was.

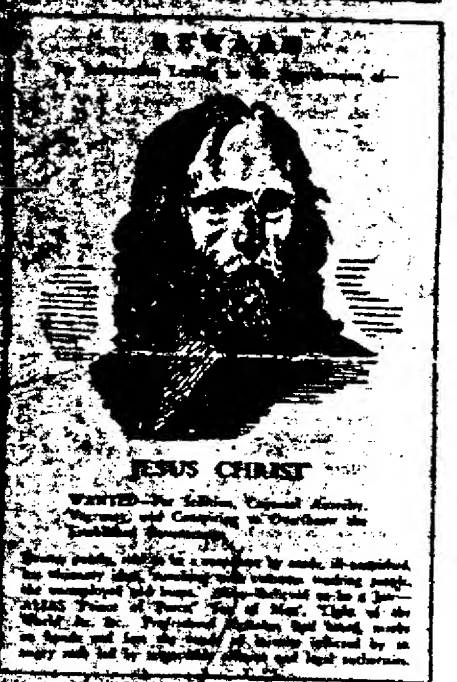
"Brazenly Perverted"

Only a student of Nazi propaganda could have taken such a cartoon and so brazenly perverted it along the lines shown in the accompanying reproduction.

By a remarkable process of "reasoning," the cartoon was stolen and reprinted as the essential part of an anti-Semitic

Hold Jewish Communists Regard Christ:

From the pages of "Economic Justice" —
ECONOMIC JUSTICE



Do YOU endorse a Christian United States helping a group that thus insults our Savior?

Reproduction of leaflet perverting a Christian cartoon. The original cartoon is the part enclosed by black lines. Heading and captions were added by perverters and the resulting leaflet was distributed at "America First" meetings in the New York area, according to an affidavit in the possession of the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, whose national headquarters are in New York.

Leaflet, so that with new headings and captions added it was changed about to become an attack on the Jews, the foreign policy of the United States—and in essence, the teachings of Christ.

According to an affidavit in the possession of the Anti-Nazi League, this cartoon was distributed at meetings of the "America First" Committee in the New York area. In one striking case, at the first meeting called to organize a new "America First" chapter in Brooklyn, every person who attended received one of these leaflets.

His Propaganda

Little more need be said about the type of propaganda which would take advantage of a drawing meant to honor Jesus and pervert it into what you see above.

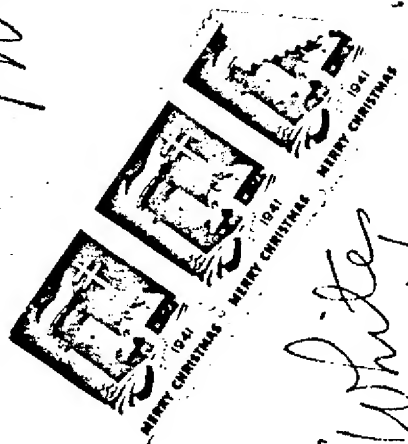
Catholics, Protestants and Jews alike should protest against this outrage to everything we hold dear, everything we hold sacred.

Perhaps the "America First" Committee has travelled even farther along the road to perdition than we feared for this last

Anti-Nazi Bulletin

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Mr. [signature]



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Charles Roosevelt
Stephens President
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Dear [REDACTED]

Please be advised that your letter dated December 13, 1941, directed to the President of the United States has been referred to this Bureau.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this matter to the attention of the Federal Government are indeed appreciated. You may be assured that the content of your letter has been made a matter of official record in the files of this Bureau and will receive appropriate consideration.

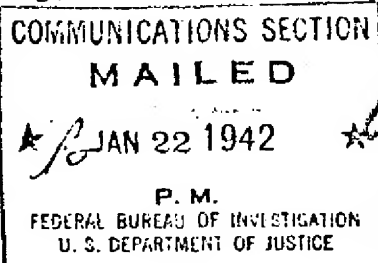
Should you obtain any further information that you believe to be of interest to this Bureau please feel free to communicate directly with Mr. J. E. Thornton, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 620 New Federal Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CHIEF POST OFFICE INSPECTOR

Washington

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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December 19, 1941.

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice.

My dear Sir:

Herewith, for your consideration, are two letters
addressed to the Post Office Inspector in Charge, New
York, New York, by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] together with a communication
received by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] has been advised of this reference.

Very truly yours,

Rip Aldrich
Chief Inspector.

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*Memo Smith
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November 19, 1941.

Inspector in Charge,
United States Post Office,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

On October 23rd I sent you a letter and an America First post card mailed in Shanghai which I thought you would be interested in seeing and possibly investigating.

It would be very much appreciated if you would return the post card and the envelope to me when you have finished with it, as I would like to have it for my files.

I have your acknowledgment of October 29th stating that it will be given proper attention at the earliest date practicable. I have had no further report since then.

It would be appreciated if you had further word on this subject.

Hoping this is not too much trouble for you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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October 23, 1942.

Inspector in Charge,
United States Post Office,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with your office this morning, I am sending you herewith a piece of mail which has some peculiar aspects.

The envelope was apparently mailed in Shanghai with Chinese postage addressed to a party in New York. The enclosure - a card bearing the crossed United States and Chinese flags with the inscription "Help China! Buy Chinese Goods!" - seems to me a part of a program to boost the sale of goods manufactured in Shanghai and the occupied areas, probably issued by the puppet Wang Ching-wei regime or Japanese trading interests in Shanghai. All of the goods manufactured in Shanghai for export to the United States are made by Japanese or Wang Ching-wei interests. That is to say, goods made in Shanghai and exported to the United States for sale provides a trade which is beneficial to Japanese or Wang Ching-wei interests.

The fact that this card, mailed from Shanghai, has an American First Committee stamp both on the card-enclosure and on the outside envelope in which the card was mailed, is rather difficult to explain. If the envelope contained United States postage it would be easily understood that the blank envelope and the card were mailed in bulk to the America First Committee where they were mailed to the various parties designated. That might account for the fact that the America First Committee stamp was on the enclosure. The envelope was sealed when it was delivered to One other explanation is that the America First Committee stickers were sent to Japanese or Wang Ching-wei organizations in Shanghai and were placed on the card and envelope there. This would certainly seem to indicate a very close relationship between America First Committee and the Japanese or Wang Ching-wei organizations in Shanghai.

The case presents so many interesting angles that I thought you would like to see what is going on and perhaps to figure out how the mailing was accomplished.

It would be appreciated if you would return the card and envelope to me when you have finished studying the case.

Sincerely yours,

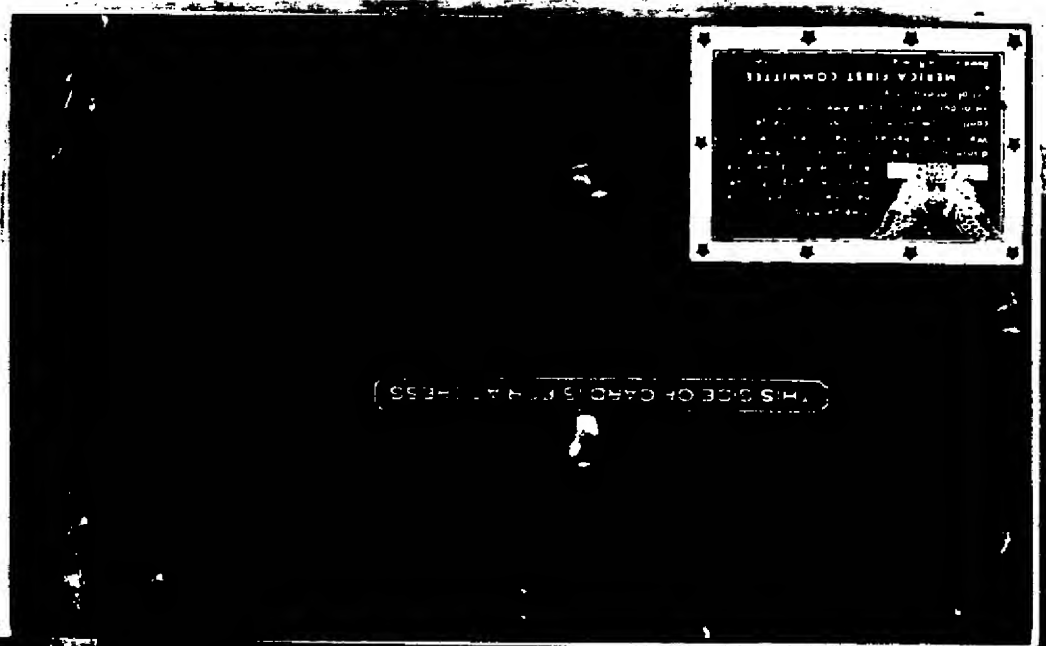
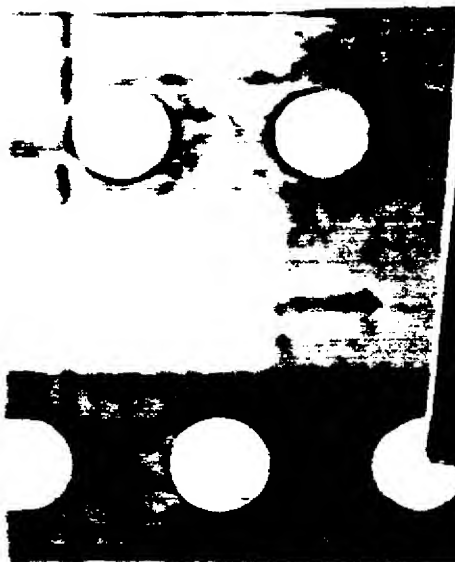
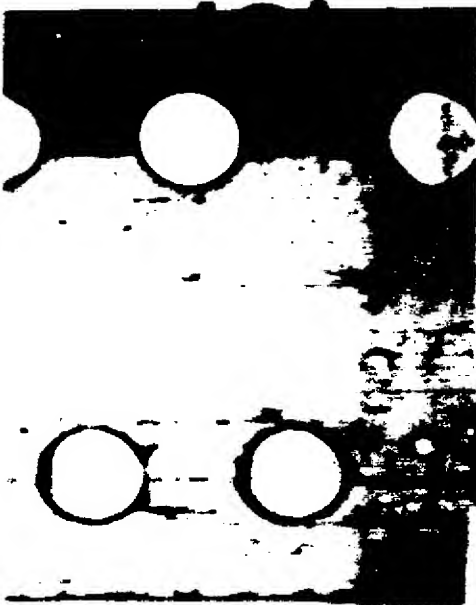
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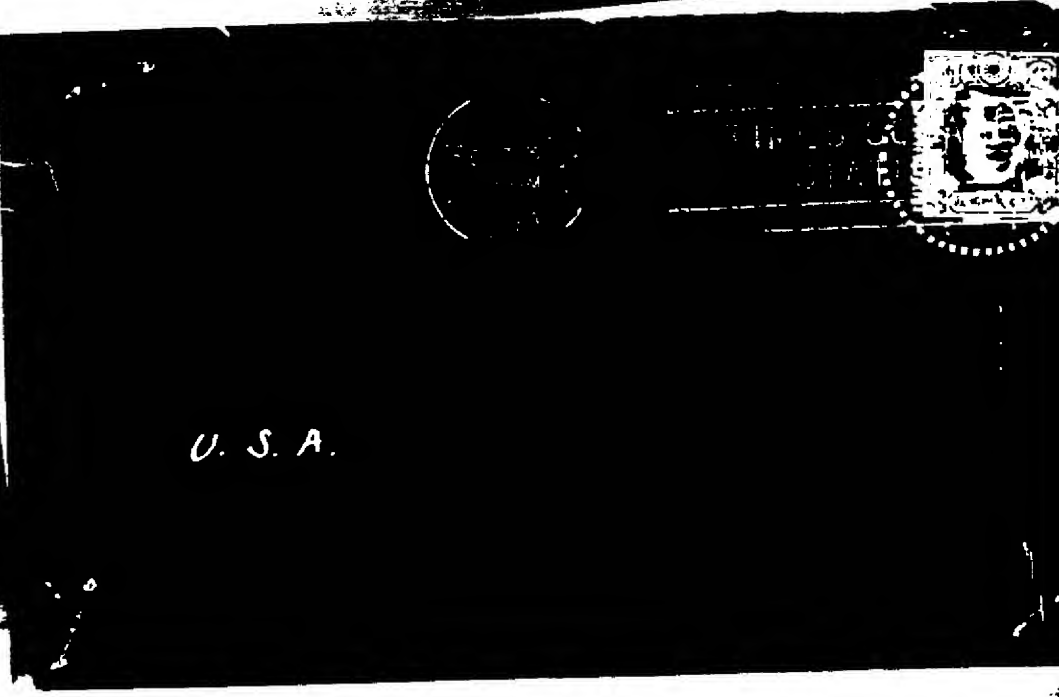
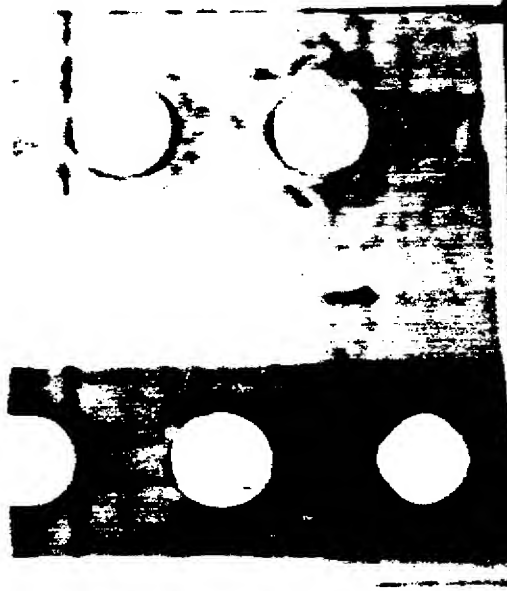
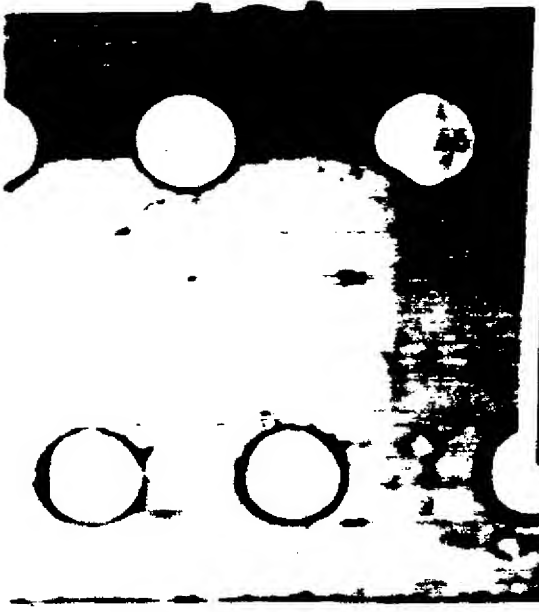
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January 31, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. L. M. C. SMITH, CHIEF
SPECIAL DEFENSE UNIT

The Post Office Department recently forwarded to this Bureau two letters addressed to the Post Office Inspector in Charge, New York City, by [REDACTED] together with a communication received by [REDACTED]

Because of the nature of these communications and the possible inferences to be drawn from the observations of the original communications are enclosed herewith for your review. Copies have been prepared and are being retained in the files of this Bureau. However, no further action is contemplated with reference to the enclosures.

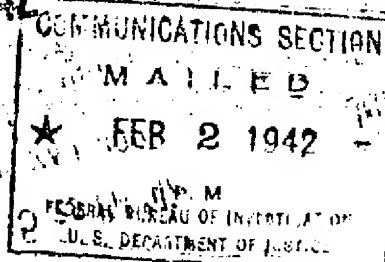
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Subject: **DEC 26 1941** Letter of transmittal.
To: Lt. Col. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
The attached communications are forwarded for your
information and such action as you consider advisable.

Raymond E. Lee
RAYMOND E. LEE, *757*
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Acting Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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M. I. D.

(G-2) OGO (America First Committee)

AWR:cs
Headquarters Eighth Corps Area
Fort Sam Houston, Texas

December 4, 1941

(Date)

Subject: Meeting of America First Committee
Tucson, Arizona

Summary of Information:

The America First Committee held a meeting on November 24, 1941 at the home of Judge Gerald Jones, El Encanto Estates, Tucson, Arizona, with approximately 30 people present.

The principal speaker was MARGARET DORE, a naturalized American of French descent, who is reportedly pro-Nazi in her views. She supposedly lived in occupied France until about the first of this year when she came to the United States. She resides at 305 East 3rd Street, Tucson, Arizona and gives the ill health of her son as the reason for being in Tucson.

MARGARET DORE talked about an hour on the general subject of conditions in occupied France; stated that the French peasants have taken the German occupation as a matter of course, recalling that the Germans were in France in 1870-71 after the Franco-Prussian War, that they left then and it is assumed that they will withdraw again. That most of the French people are backing Marshal Petain, for they feel that Hitler cannot be defeated. She asserted that while in Paris, where she was a supervisor of schools, French children were receiving milk from the American Red Cross without being molested by the Germans, American reports to the contrary.

MARGARET DORE claims to have been educated in the Middle West and attended school with the wife of Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, Japanese Ambassador to the United States. That she received a reply recently to a letter written to Ambassador Nomura. She claims to have had in her possession considerable literature explaining inside conditions in Europe, but the British agents took the material from her at Bermuda. Two pamphlets escaped their attention, which she still has, printed in French, and reportedly explain how the European conflict was brought on Germany against her will. She expressed a desire, at the America First Committee meeting, to have these publications reprinted in the United States.

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SAC, FBI, Phoenix, Arizona.

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(G-2) 080 (America First Committee)

Subject: Meeting of America First Committee, Tucson, Arizona (Continued).

MARGARET DORE stated that she had made some talks in the East, where the newspapers labeled her as pro-Nazi. It is understood that she has attempted to become a scheduled speaker for America First Committee, but was unsuccessful because of her obscurity.

It is reported that National Headquarters of America First Committee are feeling the pulse of local units to determine the reaction to the possible creation of a third political party. The organization claims to have 13,000,00 members.

Attached is a specimen of the handwriting of [REDACTED], and the context of a telegram sent to the Arizona Congressman prior to house action on neutrality revision.

Action: For your information.

A. W. ROFFE,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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DATE 3/12/86 BY [signature]

While talking to me about another matter, Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Office submitted the following for information purposes:

He had received a reliable report to the effect that the America First Committee in Brooklyn is going to burn some of its records tonight, which records are alleged to contain around 80,000 names.

Respectfully,

[signature]
R. F. Kramer

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Special Agent in Charge
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Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith photostatic
copies of reports of Bureau Confidential Informant #____,
at _____, dated as follows:

December 5, 1942

These reports have been and are being obtained from a
strictly confidential source and any inquiry made on the basis
of the information contained therein should be made in an
extremely discreet manner so that it will not in any way reveal
the source of the information or the possible identity of the
informant. The substance of this material should not be dis-
closed to any individual or organization outside of the Bureau.

You are instructed to give the contents of these
reports consideration and to conduct the appropriate investiga-
tion in those instances where you feel the reported material
or the reported material along with information already avail-
able to your office warrants the same.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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No information is being given to anyone
other than you and your immediate supervisor.
This is to be kept in the file.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 9, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE J. EDGAR HOOVER:

This, for your information.

Stephen Early
STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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December 1, 1941

Time: 11:20 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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While talking with Mr. Foxworth telephonically, he suggested that Special Agent [redacted] be assigned to work with [redacted] has been on the Duquesne squad for some time and is familiar with many of the German propaganda organizations. Mr. Foxworth is having [redacted] review the files to obtain the background of the matter preparatory to working with [redacted] Agent [redacted] has some stenographic ability which will enable him to take adequate notes. I told Mr. Foxworth that I had no one else in mind for this job, and Agent [redacted] therefore will be assigned to it.

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Contact L. C. M. Smith
& arrange for [redacted] to
start when Smith's man
is ready.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR
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Mr. L. M. C. Smith of the Department called and when advised that the Director had left for the day he asked that the Director be advised that he has made arrangements with [redacted] to the effect that he will send Frank Crocker of the Special Defense Unit [redacted] to the [redacted]

[redacted] at 10:00 AM on Monday.

He said that the Director wanted to know of the arrangements which were made because the Director wanted one of the FBI men to be at the meeting.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Time 10:30 AM
Typed 11:00 AM

December 17, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While in telephone conversation with Mr. Foxworth in New York, I inquired about the status of the [REDACTED] matter and he advised that he will check on this matter and call me back regarding same.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

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Gentlemen:

O I am writing to give you some information about
the America First Committee and the Dies Committee
which I think should be investigated.

[REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7c

Col. Lindbergh and Sen. Wheeler are connected
with this organization and I think there is lot of
dishonest work connected with it. I think it is just
terrible the way Col. Lindbergh was making speeches
against the administration and taking money from the
Government to operate their organization.

I certainly hope that the Department of Justice
will look into this matter. [REDACTED] b7c

Very [REDACTED] 100-4712-261

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January 21, 1942

Dear [REDACTED]

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 2, 1942, and to express my appreciation for your courtesy in communicating with me.

In the event you are in possession of any information which you believe of interest to the activities of the FBI in connection with our program of combating subversive activities, it is suggested that you call at our Chicago Office which is located at 1900 Bankers' Building, under the supervision of Mr. A. H. Johnson.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Received: 5:25 P.M.
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December 17, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the [REDACTED] matter, Mr. Foxworth called from New York to advise that as far as can be determined it does not appear that Crocker of the Special Defense Unit ever came to New York. [REDACTED] has changed his mind [REDACTED] America first to bring out the Committee's German backing and is now working [REDACTED] [REDACTED] has not requested any assistance from the New York Office although Bureau Agents have been in touch with him. I told Mr. Foxworth to send the Bureau a letter on this matter tonight in order that it may be referred to the Department tomorrow.

Respectfully,

Edward A. Tamm

Ask Smith what happened?

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Called & arrangements made to [unclear] [unclear]

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